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FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ODDFELLOW'S HALL, VICTORIA, B. C.,
13th February, 1889.

The Grand Lodge assembled on the above date at 10.30
A. M., pursuant to notice.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
A. Phillips, P. G. M.....	Acting Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller, P. G. M.....	“ Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
G. H. Maynard.....	“ Treasurer.
W. McColl, P. G. M.....	“ Representative.
W. H. Flewin.....	“ Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	“ Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable.....	“ Herald.
F. Carne, P. G. M.....	“ Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported
them duly qualified.

The Grand Chaplain invoked the Divine blessing.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge
opened for business.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Cre-
dentials: Rep. Holmes, No. 1; Rep. Meldram, No. 2; Rep.
McCorvie, No. 3.

Report read from Committee on Credentials.

ODDFELLOW'S HALL,
VICTORIA, B. C., 13th February, 1889

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report that we have examined the Credentials submitted, and find the following accredited as Representatives to this Grand Lodge:—

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

W. H. Huxtable,	T. J. Partridge,	D. Dale,
T. R. Mitchell,	W. Templeman,	W. Steele,
W. H. Flewin,	W. E. Holmes,	J. G. Taylor.
G. Williams,	R. McIntosh,	

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

R. W. Fawcett,	J. H. Meldram,	G. H. Maynard,
J. Pope,	P. W. Dempster,	A. Henderson.
J. Sears,	R. P. McLennan,	F. Norris.
W. Craft,		

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

W. McColl,	J. E. Phillips,	B. W. Shiles.
R. H. Baker,	A. McCorvie,	

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

J. E. Phillips,	T. Bamford,	L. Cousins.
P. A. Babington,	W. Walker,	J. Holland.

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

E. Quennell,	J. Crossan,	A. McGregor.
Geo. Ramsay,	W. H. Morton,	

FROM HARMONY LODGE, No. 6.

R. Scott,	A. Clarkson,	R. Kilpatrick,
J. Thompson,	J. Hoskin,	B. Shearing.
G. Williams,		

FROM EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 7.

J. C. Henderson,	R. Campbell.
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FROM VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 8.

J. B. Henderson,	T. C. Gray,	W. Beavis.
W. Vivian,		

FROM TATNAI LODGE, No. 9.

W. Edmunds,	S. Clarke,	Geo. Loney.
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Also that the following Past Grands are entitled to seats
in this Grand Lodge:—

FROM VICTORIA LODGE, No. 1.

G. W. Anderson,	F. Carne,	J. Davies,
J. Dixon,	E. Fawcett,	C. Gowen,
C. Hayward,	M. Hart,	A. Phillips,
J. D. Robinson,	J. M. Read,	A. Rome,
J. Doughty,	C. Hegele,	F. Page,
S. T. Styles,	F. Davey,	E. C. Holden.
R. Roberts,	J. Weiler,	

FROM COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

J. Fell,	H. Waller,	M. Humber,
J. P. Goodhue,	W. F. Archibald,	W. Shears,
J. E. McMillan,	W. J. Pendray,	J. W. Carey,
S. Adler,	W. H. Mixer,	J. Hawkins,
W. Harrison,	M. Young,	R. Hall, Jr.
W. Croft,	A. B. Gray,	J. Partridge.
M. Baker,		

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 3.

W. J. Armstrong,	H. Elliott,	A. Ewan,
J. E. Insley,	J. A. Calbick,	H. Hoy,
S. T. Mackintosh,	G. Raymond,	T. J. Forfar,
L. F. Bonson,	E. S. Scoullar,	G. Turner.
P. J. Foulds,		

FROM DOMINION LODGE, No. 4.

J. Wriglesworth,	W. D. McKillican,	H. Smith,
O. Warner,	E. Cameron,	W. Ralph,
G. Bishop,	A. G. McCandless,	A. J. Gray.
F. T. Sherborne,	E. Fletcher,	

FROM BLACK DIAMOND LODGE, No. 5.

G. Norris,	M. Bate,	J. Mahrer,
R. Rivers,	A. Galloway,	B. Baker,
J. Hilbert,	W. Miller,	J. Wilcox,
J. Hemner,	J. Phillips,	H. McAdie.

FROM HARMONY LODGE, No. 6.

E. Hoskin,	J. Work,	J. Green.
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FROM EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 7.

J. A. Campbell,	M. McSween,	J. McCutcheon,
D. J. Kennedy,		

Also that the following are entitled to the Grand Lodge Degree :—

- E. Fawcett, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.
- R. P. McLennan and W. Craft, of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.
- G. Raymond and T. J. Forfar, of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3.
- G. Bishop and J. Holland, of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.
- J. Hilbert and W. Miller, of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.
- R. Kilpatrick and G. Williams, of Harmony Lodge, No. 6.
- W. Beavis and J. B. Henderson, of Vancouver Lodge, No. 8.
- S. Clarke and G. Loney, of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9.

We find that Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, have not attached the Seal of the Lodge to the Representatives Certificates.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

WM. E. HOLMES, JOHN H. MELDRAM, A. MCCORVIE,	}	Committee on Credentials.
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Moved, seconded and carried,—That the Report be adopted as read.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the Past Grands in attendance, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on E. Fawcett, No. 1; R. P. McLennan and A. Henderson, No. 2; A. G. McCandless and J. Holland, No. 4; W. Beavis and J. B. Henderson, No. 8; and S. Clarke, No. 9.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint Special Committees on "Judiciary" and "Correspondence."

The Chair appointed the following to fill vacancies on the Standing Committees :—

FINANCE—J. E. Phillips, No. 3; R. P. McLennan, No. 2.

APPEALS—J. E. Phillips, No. 4.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES—W. E. Holmes, No. 1; J. H. Meldram No. 2; J. B. Henderson, No. 8; W. Edmunds, No. 9.

STATE OF THE ORDER—J. Holland, No. 4.

LEGISLATION—A. Henderson, No. 2; J. E. Phillips, No. 3; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; W. H. Morton, No. 5.

And also the following to form the Special Committees :—

CORRESPONDENCE—W. McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; R. McIntosh, No. 1; S. Clarke, No. 9.

JUDICIARY—W. Templeman, No. 1; H. Waller, P. G. M., No. 2; B. W. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3.

The Grand Master read his Report of the past year :

VICTORIA, B. C., February 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

REPRESENTATIVES :—I have the honor for the second time to extend to you my fraternal greetings, and to present my report at this our fifteenth Annual Session and twenty-fifth year of the introduction of Our Order in British Columbia. The increase to our membership though not equal to that of last year, exceeds that of every other since our institution, and I am of opinion, that at the close of the present year, this jurisdiction will be entitled to two representatives in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, if my successor will energetically devote his time, and bring to the office of Grand Master, ability and tact in performing the duties of his position.

In reviewing the work of the past year, I am impressed with the importance of the position of Grand Master and the necessity, if we are to prosper, of always selecting as the head of this jurisdiction, the best and most earnest of workers. I mention this in a spirit of candor, desiring only, that in your choice of office bearers, you will always consider the *Welfare of the Order* above every other consideration.

I hope that the work of the Session may be productive of good, and that your deliberations may illustrate those characteristics that Oddfellowship teaches.

DECISIONS.

1. That only one degree could be conferred on a candidate unless by dispensation.
2. Officers of a Subordinate Lodge, must obey the District Deputy Grand Master's written interpretation of the laws until reversed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.
3. QUESTION—What constitutes the regular business, and when is a motion to close in order ?

ANSWER—All business included in the "Order of Business," and a motion to close is only in order after the regular business has been gone through.

4. What is your opinion, interpretation and application of Sec. 195, Digest?

ANSWER—It is, that the ruling applies to any civilized country, and that a Lodge being satisfied as to the *bona fides* of a claim for benefits, must pay such benefits in full.

6. I gave an opinion, that a candidate for initiation was not eligible for membership who was living and cohabitating with a woman and not married to her.

7. That Lodges must direct when and how its funds shall be drawn, and its officers and committees are only empowered to transact the business as directed by resolution, as governed by by-laws and only in extreme emergency, when the Lodge might suffer loss, if immediate action is not taken should the rule be deviated from.

8. I defined By-Law XV of No. 5, that the fee of a brother joining at the age of 58 would be—

Being over 50.....	\$20 00
8 additional years.....	40 00
TOTAL.....	\$60 00

(VANCOUVER, NO. 8.)

9. Can a Lodge receive a second notice of motion to amend a by-law, until the first notice of motion has been finally disposed of?

ANSWER—Yes! I find no law placing a limit to the number of notices of motions to amend a by-law. You are governed by by-law No. 70. See Digest 1100.

10. Having duly received such second notice of motion to amend, and it having been read three nights, can it be ruled out of order to consider it, the first notice to amend, said by-law having been lost.

ANSWER—The time to object, if allowable, was when the notice to amend was offered, and then according to your Rules of Order XXIII, opportunity would have been given to have ascertained the Lodges wishes, and no one can be permitted to take advantage of his own neglect, (Digest 1099.) Section 1102 Digest, to which attention was drawn, does not apply to a notice of motion to alter a by-law, such questions as are governed by 1102, would in this jurisdiction, be controlled by the on page 78 of our proceedings, permitting two amendments

application to a motion, but no alteration or amendment to a notice of motion to amend a by-law is admissible, but must be voted upon as presented, (Digest 138a.)

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

In answer to questions on this subject, I drew attention to our proceedings on pages 604 and 605.

(COLUMBIA LODGE.)

12. QUESTION—A brother suspended for non-payment of dues now seeks for reinstatement in his own Lodge, his petition being granted, what fee should be charged?

ANSWER—This case comes under 708 Digest, you would be governed by by-law XV.

13. What is the qualifications for Vice Grand?

ANSWER—Twenty-six weeks services as an inferior officer, and in attendance at least a majority of nights of the term, or if absence from sickness and leave granted, a brother could be eligible to the chair, (Digest 914, 918, 924.)

However our Grand Lodge in 1882, pages 241 and 242, in the petition of Jackson vs. Harrison, decided, that although a brother had served but five nights, he having by the records of his Lodge been excused nine nights, entitled him to the honors of the office, this ruling is contrary to that of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, which must always be taken as the supreme and controlling law. I therefore decide, that any brother who is present in the lodge-room a majority of the meeting nights of his term, (unless excused from sickness) is eligible to the position of Vice Grand, (Digest 264 and 264a.)

14. What is a non-affiliated Odd Fellow, and how does it differ from a suspended member?

ANSWER—I understand the term of "non affiliated" Odd Fellow to mean, a member of the order who has been deprived of certain rights and privileges for non-payment of dues, and after one year having elapsed. To be reinstated such brother must present a petition in writing, pay the fee charged for initiation, and be voted upon as prescribed by Art. VII, Sec. 2, and Art. III of your constitution, and Art. XV of your by-laws. A suspended member for non-payment of dues, for one year, can only be asked for one years dues, and be reinstated by a two-third vote of the members present.

VANCOUVER LODGE.

15. QUESTION—Can a visiting member who has a legal card, but not the A. T. P. W. nor order for the same, be admitted?

ANSWER—No! The A. T. P. W. is one of the tests by which travelling brothers are tried, (Digest 973). The right of visiting is clearly laid down in section 1403 Digest; a brother must have proper credentials and be able to prove himself in the work, (Digest 1406, 1422.)

16. Does a brother require to have his dues paid in advance for a year before he is entitled to the A. T. P. W.

ANSWER—No! A brother is entitled to the A. T. P. W. when a card has been granted, whether the card is for a month or a year; but he could not visit if the card is out of date even though he has the A. T. P. W.

There is only one conclusion to arrive at—"That members of other jurisdictions must have legal cards, with the A. T. P. W. or a letter authorizing its communication, before a Lodge can admit visiting brothers.

(TATNAI LODGE.)

17. What constitutes a Past Grand and when is the Junior P. G. entitled to the honor.

ANSWER—One who has filled the chair of Noble Grand for a majority of nights or the balance of a term, the title being given for services as officer of a Subordinate Lodge, so soon as he surrenders the Noble Grand's chair to his successor in office, (Digest 1001 and 1003.)

A Junior Past Grand is not strictly an officer of the Lodge but he should occupy the seat of Past Grand one term, and deliver the Past Grand's charge at initiation, (Digest 1014.)

18. Can a brother enter or retire from a Lodge room during an initiation or conferring of degrees.

ANSWER—No. Digest 1204 A.

18. Is a motion to adjourn in order before all the orders of the evening have been called?

ANSWER—A motion to adjourn a Lodge to another day or time is never in order, but a motion to adjourn *sine die* is always in order. Digest 1202.

20. Is it compulsory for every qualified brother present in a Lodge to vote?

ANSWER—Yes. Digest 1216.

20.. Can a Noble Grand call a Past Grand to preside and still remain in the Lodge, and would the business be legally transacted? Yes, if not objected to by the Lodge at any time during the occupancy of the chair by the Past Grand. Digest 1209.

I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
VICTORIA, July 19th, 1888.

To Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., Victoria:

Sirs and Brothers,—Replying to your communication of the 18th instant, stating that "upon motion it was resolved that the judgment in "the case of Bone vs. this Lodge be referred to the Grand Master, and his official opinion be asked upon the same," and enclosing a copy of the judgment of the Chief Justice, has been received.

In response to your wishes, I would call your attention to pages 571 and 631 of our proceedings for the history of the case under discussion prior to action being taken in the civil court, and tried July 5th, before His Lordship, Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, Chief Justice. The amount sued for being thirty dollars at the commencement, was, before the trial, increased to two hundred and fifty dollars. Upon the evidence of the plaintiff alone, the Chief Justice stated that it was unnecessary to take up the time of the Court with examining witnesses. I am aware that although the judgment, pecuniarily, was satisfactory to the Lodge, the remarks made by His Lordship, in delivering judgment, have been commented upon both by members of our Order as well as non-members, and this, coupled with the reports of newspapers and their correspondents, prompted, no doubt, your solicitor, Bro. Thornton Fell, to obtain the written judgment on which I am asked to give an official opinion.

After a careful perusal of the written judgment, it has given me quite a different impression to that created by the verbal one delivered at the trial. I am of opinion that the meaning of the by-law is that "benefits" are payable to

a brother who is prevented by sickness or accident from earning his livelihood at any occupation; or in other words all occupations must be debarred him by reasons of his sickness or accident from gaining a livelihood; not that he must have an occupation before he would be entitled to benefits, but, that he was unfitted by reason of his sickness or accident from engaging in any or all occupations for which he would receive compensation. The by-law attempts to prevent imposition by those who might endeavor to take advantage of the Lodge.

The point raised by the Chief Justice attacks the foundation stone of the Order, and although I may not presume to question the Judgment, I can, at least, explain the law bearing on the question which you, as Odd Fellows, are bound to accept until reversed by the higher tribunals of our Order. Having been present as a witness in the case, I am aware that His Lordship, the Chief Justice, held at the trial, that the plaintiff having no occupation to follow, no claim could be made upon the Lodge for benefits; in his remarks he said that one must be possessed of something before he can be deprived of it, and having no occupation, he is therefore not prevented from following it, and although the Chief Justice stated that he agreed with my decision, the reasons are entirely at variance, and as to His Lordship's remarks as to the liability of the Trustees of the Lodge for the payment of benefits to Bone, the By-Laws show that this is not in keeping with the duties of the Trustees, who have nothing to do with such payments.

Art. IV, Sec. 2, of your Constitution now in force, reads

"Every member qualified, as required by the By-Laws of his Lodge shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident from following any occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by by-law, from the funds of the Lodge, etc."

Art. XX, Sec. 1, of your by-laws, reads:

"A member not disqualified to receive benefits who, by sickness or accident may be rendered incapable of earning his livelihood, shall receive from the funds of the Lodge (in the case of the plaintiff) ten dollars per week for the first six months' continuous sickness, seven dollars and fifty cents per week for the next six months' continuous sickness, and five dollars per week after twelve months' continuous sickness, etc."

Your by-laws can be repealed, amended, suspended, altered or annulled, by complying with certain recognized methods, and must not conflict with the Constitution as given you by the Grand Lodge.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the date of the plaintiff's joining the Order are obsolete, and do not govern your Lodge, but I mention them as the Chief Justice laid particular stress upon the word *usual* having been changed for the word *any*, in Section 22, which read *usual occupation* and now reads *any occupation*, the Chief Justice was, however, of opinion that the word *usual* in the plaintiff's case was the more against his contention, the judgment I herewith give in *tenso*.

BONE vs. COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

I think the true meaning of Rule 22 (old rules) (Art. 22, Sec. 1, new rules) is that the "benefits" are only payable to a brother who is prevented from earning his livelihood at his usual occupation. This was the express form of the promise in the rules when the plaintiff joined the Order, though the epithet "usual" has been recently omitted. I think such occupations and employments only are contemplated as are actually followed by the incapacitated person for the purpose of a livelihood. It is quite clear that the plaintiff was not in October, 1886, engaged in any such occupation or employment, nor, had he been so engaged for 14 or 15 years previous to the accident. If a man's ordinary occupation be to walk to and from his club daily, to read the newspapers and see his friends, and he can after his accident no longer walk there so easily or with the same activity, does Rule 22 mean that he is to receive \$10 per week for that? The plaintiff says that at the time of the accident he was in fact doing nothing—but that he was contemplating doing a little gardening, thinking of getting some chickens which he intended to look after himself—"perhaps" keep a cow, and that he hoped to make some profit out of these, but was by his fall incapacitated from attending to any such matters. These were mere schemes in prospect entirely. He does not say that he had a cow at the time or a single chicken, or that he had ever been a market gardener, or kept a chicken ranch, or knew anything about cows or chickens or gardens. It is quite clear that he might have been a farmer by each and all of these undertakings. According to my own experience he certainly would have been. At all events such speculative and contingent possibilities of profit are not matters for which he could recover any damages; and though that rule does not definitely and conclusively bind the rights of a brother to claim "benefits" yet is a very fair guide to follow in considering the matter in respect of which this benevolent society can be taken to guarantee its members. The latter rules omit the word "usual" and promise "benefits" to a brother if he is incapacitated from pursuing "any" occupation. The plaintiff reads this as entitling him to \$10 a week if he can point out any avocation for which the accident incapacitated him. It seems more reasonable to take "any" as equivalent to "all," i. e. to take the rule as promising relief if the disabled brother is incapacitated from all occupations, or all occupations for which he is otherwise qualified at which he could make a living; that a brother who knew two trades, or, who knowing but one trade,

yet pursued some other avocation for which his accident unfitted him, should not be entitled to "benefits" (after the doctor left), provided there was some trade which he knew and which he could follow notwithstanding the accident although the same accident incapacitated him for the other trade; e. g. a man trained to be a tailor or engraver, or other sedentary art or handicraft, who had for two or three years occupied himself in prospecting for silver leads, breaking his knee pan, he would be entitled to "benefits" so long as he could neither prospect or work as a tailor or engraver, but when he could resume work at engraving, etc., the rights to "benefits" would probably cease, though he never could go prospecting again. And it would be a strange result if a brother, being a barrister or physician in good practice, were to be entitled to "benefits" by reason of an accident which did not interfere for an hour with the exercise of his profession, though it might for ever prevent him from embracing the occupation of a rope dancer, or some other trade or occupation which he had never practised. There is nothing in the rules to indicate that the "benefits" are intended as a compensation or solace for pain or personal inconvenience, or for anything but money loss, including all fees and expenses for medical attendance.

The plaintiff alleged that other brethren not more deserving or helpless than himself have been, and are now, in the receipt of benefits. This may be so. It may even be contended that such payments, or even the payments already made to the plaintiff, have been in excess of what the rules contemplate. But surely that does not enable me to say that the plaintiff is entitled to any further weekly payments under Rule 22; which is what he is suing for. All his medical expenses have been, I believe, made good to him. I think he is not entitled to what he asks; but as the defendants by their conduct in paying him so long seem to me to have given him some grounds for conceiving that he was entitled to get more--as this is, after all, a fraternal contest, and as the question turns to some extent upon the construction of the defendants own rules, I think, perhaps, justice may be satisfied by dismissing the action, without costs.

Such is the judgment of the Court, and will doubtless hold good as against those who desire law and are of opinion that they can obtain more justice in a court of law than in the tribunals of the Order.

My remarks and opinions are addressed, now, to all Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction, as the subject is a momentous one and affects the Order in general.

I would begin by stating that the I. O. O. F. is not a charitable institution such as understood in England, but more of a *Mutual Benefit Association* with a fraternal feeling prevailing throughout its principles, lessons and workings.

The payment of weekly sick benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship; the benefits are a right and not a charity, being given as assistance in time of sickness and misfortune for certain stipulated dues, which secures to its members, as a right, a certain fixed

sum designated by by-law to be paid to them during sickness, which amount is left to local authorities; but a Subordinate Lodge is compelled to pay its sick beneficiary members *continuous weekly benefits of some stipulated amount.*

Again, a member suffering from a chronic complaint, but who is able to go to his place of business, superintend it and participate in it to a degree, is not entitled to sick benefits: but any member, rich or poor, in good standing in his Lodge, is entitled to pecuniary benefits *while sick* and unable to attend to his ordinary avocations, although he may have an income sufficient for his support—the Order contemplates paying benefits when a member is sick or meets with an accident—but a member suffering from a sickness or an accident who can reasonably obtain an occupation whereby he can make a living, would not be entitled to benefits. Say for instance, a brother being a mechanic meeting with an accident loses his hand and becomes unable to again follow his craft, would only be entitled to benefits until the wound was healed, as it is presumed that every member of the Order shall endeavor to support himself by work of some kind; but if his work was insufficient to provide for his own livelihood, he would be entitled to his benefits. Our Order is a beneficial one, and our laws require that benefits be paid in case of sickness or accident to all alike, the rich as well as the poor, and goes so far, that even an agreement releasing a Lodge to pay benefits would not bind the member, even if he stipulated not to receive benefits; but when a Visiting Committee reports a member convalescent, and such member is dissatisfied, his objection should be made at once, so as to allow the Lodge to appoint a physician to report on the case; and when a Lodge by-law reads that upon a certificate from one or more physicians declaring a member off the sick-list, such action would be final, or to use the words of the Chief Justice, in giving judgment in this case, a member "*should not be entitled to benefits after the doctor has left.*"

From my long experience in the Order in this jurisdiction, I have yet to learn that any member entitled to benefits has ever been refused them, but I have to the contrary been impressed with the idea that all really deserving have been generously treated and often with more liberality than strict justice required.

The judgment of the Chief Justice will doubtless prevent, hereafter, litigation on the question of benefits, and members

will probably recognize the principle, that differences should be settled within the tribunals of the Order, where everyone receives sympathy, liberality and justice, and will pause before invoking the law of the land, where only the strict letter of the law must be accepted.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

JOHN H. WHITE, ESQ.,
Grand Sire,
ALBION, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I enclose you copy of my opinion upon the judgment of the Chief Justice in a law suit known as "Bone vs. Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and shall be pleased to have an opinion from you on the question under discussion. I have caused copies to be mailed to every member in the jurisdiction to prevent a misconception of our Order's laws and rights of members.

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Bro. Jos. E. Phillips, Deputy for District No. 1, decided that a Vice-Grand could be excused from time to time, so that with his actual service, a majority of nights would entitle him to be eligible to the Noble Grand's chair. Refers to Digest 915. *Not Approved.*

Can a Noble Grand call a Past Grand to the chair for the transaction of regular business, the Vice Grand being present? ANSWER.—The Noble Grand had no right to do so. If the N. G. left the Lodge (Digest 961); but if the Noble Grand remained in the Lodge and no objection was raised then, yes. Digest 1299. *Approved.*

Bro. J. Edward Phillips, of District No. 2, reports that he granted a dispensation to confer the three degrees at once on Bro. R. Lambert—no reason given. That he installed the Officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, on July 19th, 1888, and on January 3rd, 1889.

Upon my inquiry, this District Deputy reports that New Westminster Lodge No. 3, appeared in regalia at a funeral

and that two socials under the auspices of the Order, were held in Nov. and Dec. not in regalia, all have been held without dispensations being asked for.

Bro. Henry McAdie, District Deputy of District No. 3, reports that he applied for a dispensation for an excursion to Vancouver for Black Diamond Lodge No. 5, which was granted and proved enjoyable and successful.

On July 11th, Bro. E. Quennell, Past D. G. M., installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge.

On Sept. 16th, the members of Black Diamond Lodge No. 5 and Harmony Lodge No. 6, held a memorial service and decorated the graves of their departed brethren.

On Jan. 4th, installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, officers having passed the examination according to the law.

Bro. McAdie closed by stating that his Lodge during the past term has progressed both financially and numerically.

District Deputy A. Clarkson has nothing of moment to report, other than that the officers of Harmony Lodge were duly installed.

District Deputy J. C. Henderson, reports that Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, is in a substantial and flourishing condition, as from \$400 to \$500 on hand, have purchased three acres of land and prepared for a cemetery. That the attendance at Lodge meetings was good. That he installed the officers on 3rd July, 1888, and 8th January 1889, and that he had entertained the brothers at his residence after installation, and that the brothers were jubilant at the prosperity and welfare of our order.

District Deputy Vivian of Vancouver, reports his Lodge in a flourishing condition, and that he had given a decision on point of law.

1st. That only one proposition to amend a by-law is in order. *Not approved.*

KAMLOOPS, B. C., January 8th, 1889.

Bro. of the D. D. G. M., District No. 7, of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia.

SHUA DAVIES, Esq.,

Grand Master, G. L. B. C.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I beg to furnish you with a report of my acts for your approval as your D. D. for District No. 7.

Received application from Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, for a dispensation to confer two degrees on two brothers of the Order the same night. Brothers leaving for the East, which I granted. Approved.

May 14th, 1888, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer two degrees on Bro. Batchelor the same evening, the brother coming from a great distance. Approved.

July 9th, 1888, the Officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, were duly installed by me, ably assisted by Bro. Tunstall, as Grand Marshal. Approved.

August 31st, 1888, special degree meeting, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer three degrees on Bros. T. N. Bain and John Serson the same night, as the brothers were taking a trip East. Approved.

Oct. 1st, 1888, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer two degrees on Bro. J. P. Null, who lives 150 miles in the country. Approved.

Dec. 7th, 1888, granted dispensation to Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, to confer two degrees on Bro. J. A. Shirley the same night the brother leaving for the States. Approved.

Dec. 10th, 1888, question was submitted to me for my decision as to who was qualified to run for the office of V. G. I referred them to Article VI, Sec. 3, of our Constitution, but the Lodge appealed to the Grand Master for decision. Decision reversed.

Jan. 7th, 1889, the officers of Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, were duly installed by me, ably assisted by Bro. Blair, as Grand Marshal. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that we have initiated this year 23 members, all of them good Odd Fellows. I am still in communication with Donald. The brothers are going to have a Lodge there as soon as they can get ready.

I am pleased to report that Tatnai Lodge is enjoying general prosperity and effectually prosecuting the good work for which we are combined.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

W. EDMUNDS,

D. D. G. M., Kamloops, B. C.

P. S.—May 14th, 1888, received application from Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, for dispensation to attend church May 20th.

without regalia, which I granted in mistake, not knowing any better at the time.

Sept. 10th, 1888, received application from Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, for dispensation to attend church Sept 23rd, 1888, in regalia, which I again granted in a mistake.

Oct. 5th, 1888, received application from Tatnai Lodge, No. 9, for dispensation to hold their Annual Ball, Oct. 28th, 1888, which I referred to the Grand Master. Waited for dispensation from Grand Master until Oct. 26th, but answer did not come until Dec. 1st, which was too late. Everything was arranged for the Ball, and they had made up their mind to dance, dispensation or not, so they asked me Monday night, Oct. 26th, to grant it, and to save any trouble I did so. Hoping that this will meet with your approval, and I will know much better another time,

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours in F. L. and T.,

W. EDMUNDS,

Kamloops, B. C.

The action of Bro. Edmunds in granting the dispensations in error I would recommend approved.

With reference to my answer to the application for a dispensation for a Ball to be held on Oct. 28th, permission was mailed at once, but for some reason the letter did not reach Kamloops in time on account of the envelope having been mutilated. Postmaster Shakespeare could not trace where the fault rested.

VICTORIA, B. C., February 2nd, 1889.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In accordance with your request to the condition of Colfax Rebekah Lodge, I would state that the Lodge is in a fair degree of prosperity, and although there has been no great increase of membership during the year, still we hope in the coming year to strengthen our position. Unfortunately, there has been very little interest taken in this Lodge, except by the original promoters, and they have done all in their power to contribute to the general advancement, and have at all times been ready to assist the sister Lodges in all their endeavors for the good of the Order;

showing their sympathy by joining in the decoration of the graves of the Brotherhood, their helpfulness at the different entertainments, and materially assisting at the Xmas Festival.

Considering that the I. O. O. F. in this city ranks upwards of 400, it is only reasonable to hope that in the future our ranks will be greatly augmented, and that the apathy and indifference shown in the past will pass away, and that by the end of this year we will have Colfax Rebekah Lodge in a flourishing condition, and efficiently conducting the noble work for which we are combined.

I remain, dear sir, yours respectfully,

ANNIE YOUNG,

D. D. Colfax Rebekah Lodge.

VISITATION.

Paid official visit on March 5th to Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

March 6th visited Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1.

March 14th visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

March 19th visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

Visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, for purpose of Installation of Officers, but on account of the N. G. elected resigning, not being able to pass the examination, no Installation took place.

Wednesday, July 11th, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

Thursday, July 12th, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

Monday, July 16th, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

Tuesday, July 17th, Installed the Officers of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 1.

Wednesday, October 3rd, visited Columbia Lodge, No. 2, upon invitation to witness their *Team* initiate a candidate which was very creditably performed.

January 7th 1889, Installed the Officers of Victoria Lodge, No. 1.

January 9th, Installed the Officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 2.

January 17th, Installed the Officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4.

I was unable to visit Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, on the regular Meeting night, and it was inconvenient for this Lodge to call a Special Meeting for a Saturday evening, so that No. 5 and Excelsior Lodge, I regret to say, I have failed to visit.

VANCOUVER LODGE, No. 8.

On Saturday, Nov. 17th, accompanied by Bros. Robert McIntosh and S. T. McIntosh, Grand Instructors, I visited Vancouver Lodge, No. 8. Bro. Wm. McColl, Grand Representative, kindly came from New Westminster, and honored me by his presence and assistance. This meeting was a special one, called at my wish, for the inspection of the Officers of the Lodge, a candidate for initiation being in waiting. I granted under my powers a dispensation to initiate, and a team composed of Vancouver Lodge's own Officers, captained by Bro. Joshua Holland, P. G. of Dominion Lodge, who had given the Lodge instructions in the team work, performed the work in a creditable manner. A large number of members were present, and I addressed the Lodge at some length, criticising, praising, and explaining the ceremony and generally the work of the Order. Bro. S. T. McIntosh exemplified the secret work, and it was gratifying to find that both your Grand Instructors, as well as our Grand Representative, were in accord. I was pleased with the intelligence and enthusiasm of the members, surprised at the progress the Lodge had made, and praised the members for their wisdom in having selected a fine hall, centrally located, and tastily furnished. I have to thank Vancouver Lodge for myself and visiting members for their kind treatment on this occasion.

I am of opinion that Lodge No. 10 will likely be instituted at Vancouver. The increase of this city's population warrants the thought.

ONTARIO.

Cl. T. Campbell, M. D., Joseph Oliver, and Francis Rae, M. D., Ontario's Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, visited Victoria on September 29th, but only stayed one day. Accompanied by our Grand Secretary and Bros. Edgar Fawcett and R. Jones, N. G.'s of Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, I drove round the city and suburbs, and a visit to the *Caroline* was all the attention that could be shown them. It was to be regretted that our most distinguished and foremost representative of the Dominion, Bro. Campbell, could not stay

longer so as to be able to visit one of our Lodges while in session. I afterwards met Representative Robertson and attended to him all the civilities he would accept.

COMPLAINT.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, conferred upon Bro. Pat McGlinn the three degrees contrary to my commands of January, 1888, and after receiving objections from Harmony Lodge. I refer you to correspondence on the subject.

I received anonymous letters referring to the incompetency of a Noble Grand of No. 5, and refer you to correspondence on the subject, as his right to a seat as Past Grand of this Grand Lodge is questioned. C. P. B. 288 and 293.

I have since been informed that Bro. J. Hilbert is Past Grand in question.

REFUSAL.

Refused Excelsior Lodge, dispensation to hold bi-weekly meetings in lieu of weekly, no legislation having been passed by our Grand Lodge permitting the change, nor did I think the reason given for such change sufficient; see copy press book.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

I had to decline the invitation of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to dedicate their new Hall, owing to business engagements.

BONE vs. COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2.

On Oct. 5th I received an Appeal in this matter, which was transmitted to our Grand Secretary.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 6.

My attention was called to the fact that this Lodge had appealed without dispensation for help to the Lodges in its jurisdiction on behalf of the son of our late Bro. John McNamara. I directed the notice of Harmony Lodge to Art. IV, Sec. 1, No. 3, of our Constitution, which resulted as can be seen from my correspondence, that it was the wish of Harmony Lodge

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this Grand Lodge to its officers to assume control of such
funds, besides which I do not approve of the precedent of
such a charge on this Grand body before provision is made by
the Lodges for the establishment of homes for the care of such
cases. The sum of seventy-one dollars was sent to me in this
matter, and which I forwarded to our Grand Secretary, Bro.
Davey, who will doubtless make mention of the matter in
his Report.

GRAND SECRETARY.

It has occurred to me during the preparation of my report,
that however onerous the duties of the Grand Master may be,
that they could in no way compare with the clerical and other
duties that our Grand Secretary is called upon to perform,
and I am convinced, that unless the emoluments of the office
are commensurate with the labor to be performed, that we may
too late awaken to the fact that we neglected to recompense
sufficiently a valuable and trustworthy officer. The Grand
Secretary will furnish you with his usual and carefully pre-
pared statistical reports.

STANDING.

I believe I am correct when I state, that numerically and
financially, as well as in the payments of sick benefits, Our
Order ranks the first in the Province.

VICTORIA LODGE

Will celebrate the Silver Anniversary of its institution
on March 10th, marking an epoch in the history of Odd Fel-
lowship in the Province, and it may be well to review its
report and endeavor to gain wisdom by its work.

I find that this Lodge has paid to four of its members, all
now living, and still drawing benefits, the sum of \$11,687.00;
that her membership is 172, whose yearly dues amount to
\$2,664; that sick benefits were paid during the year amounting
to \$3,004.00, equal to the sum paid by all the other Lodges
combined; that the current expenses were \$1,162.28; that her
total year's receipts from all sources were \$4,563.42; and that
the rate received on her total investments was 10.8 %.

I find that of the 172 names on her register, that very few have paid \$300 in dues, but that four brothers have received nearly the whole of the twenty-five years dues of forty members, and are to-day drawing the whole of the yearly dues of nearly 86 members; that the benefits paid added to the current expenses amount to \$4,166.28, being \$2,102.28 more than the dues paid by the members, and but for the receipts from investments made by those who at an early date controlled and exercised wise precaution in making provision for future emergency, this Lodge would have long ago ended its career.

The question of dues and benefits has taxed the skill of the best and foremost members of our Order, and when the Committee, whose Chairman is our honored Canadian Brother Representative Campbell, of Ontario, has still to ask for further time to report to our Sovereign Grand Lodge, you can only expect of me to give facts and such comments as come under my observation and leave their application to those whose duties *have* caused them to make the subject a study.

Taking the table furnished you last year, the yearly dues at the average of 47 should be \$18.36 to pay \$5.00 weekly continuous benefits. We only pay \$12.00; but then come into consideration the fact that the Lodge has an income from other sources than dues, initiations and degrees, amounting to \$2,145.42, or the total dues of over 170 members whose age is Zero, and on whose membership no liability attaches. This might be likened to a membership of 342, whose age is, say 24, and whose dues according to the table mentioned should only be \$8.75 per annum to pay \$5.00 weekly benefits—so that it appears to me that the question localizes itself to each Lodge's career—but of one thing I feel positive, and that is that a limit should be reached in the payment of full benefits. If a brother can even in the most favorable circumstances be expected only to pay during his membership say \$300, out of which nearly one half is paid in Lodge expenses, certainly when he has received say \$1,500, his benefits ought to be only nominal, the Lodge can give in charity if needed. But it does not appear right, that two brothers can and have drawn the sum of \$9,692, and have only contributed during that time \$328 for dues.

Another feature is observable: the assets are valued \$17,639.27—I have taken time, and exercised my best ability to ascertain their actual worth—excluding regalia, furniture and library:

I find cash on hand. \$ 1,034 53
 Value of property, all rented and saleable, at the price named. 33,000 00

Or a total of. \$34,034 53

And if the value of regalia, furniture and books, are taken at. 1,800 00

Then the assets would be. \$35,834 53

Showing that her assets are saleable at double their cost. Victoria Lodge's members must feel gratified at the large amount of benefits paid during her career of twenty-five years and at her present favorable financial standing.

DISPENSATIONS.

Granted Lodges 1, 2 and 4 to hold Socials on March 9th, and on November 28th.

Granted dispensation to Black Diamond Lodge to hold an excursion on July 22nd.

On Dec. 24th, 1888, granted Vancouver Lodge, No. 8, permission to hold a ball in the name of the Order on January 25th, 1889.

Granted to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, dispensation to hold a Christmas Tree Entertainment on the evening of 3rd January, 1889.

I would direct your attention to the fact that in many cases that Lodges have announced entertainments in the name of the Order prior to asking for *Dispensations*. The practice has been too lax, and I have had to countenance infringements of this law so as not to incommode Committees. Attention was directed to the 6th clause of Art. IV, G. L. Cons. In some instances entertainments have been held without a dispensation having been asked for.

Granted a dispensation to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, to hold a public Dedication, and to appear in regalia, and to hold a Social Assembly, on Monday, Feb. 11th.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATION.

We now number fifty-seven representatives, and at the last session the representatives received \$400, out of a revenue of \$802. A smaller number could do the business, besides which our Grand Officers require more money to conduct the business of an increasing membership and Lodges. In this

connection I would recommend that an amendment to our Constitution be made giving to each Lodge one representative to every 25 members and fraction over 20. This would give to

Victoria Lodge.....	No. 1.....	7
Columbia Lodge.....	" 2.....	6
New Westminster Lodge.....	" 3.....	3
Dominion Lodge.....	" 4.....	3
Black Diamond Lodge.....	" 5.....	4
Harmony Lodge.....	" 6.....	4
Excelsior Lodge.....	" 7.....	1
Vancouver Lodge.....	" 8.....	2
Tatnai Lodge.....	" 9.....	3
Total.....		33

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

I notified the Chairman of the Legislative Committee to the report on page 636 of our proceedings, and expect that Committee will lay before you the needed amendments to the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, Subordinate and Rebekah Lodges.

RETURNS.

Several of the *Returns* from Subordinates at this date, 6th February, have not yet been received by the Grand Secretary, and either the Grand Lodge must devise some method to compel Subordinates to send their *Returns* by the 15th of January in each year or fix a date later in the year for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, as your Officers find not sufficient time is given for the preparation of their reports.

APPOINTMENT.

On the 28th of August I appointed Sister Mrs. Anna Young, P. N. G., my District Deputy for District No. 1, Rebekah Lodges; my reasons being that assistance was needed towards increasing an interest in Rebekah Lodges, that the introduction of the beautified work could be better done with the aid of such an officer, and that I could show my appreciation of the efforts of our Sisters towards the establishment of the Rebekah Degree, in placing one of their number in the position.

PROGRESS.

I herewith submit for your information our progress since the institution of our Grand Lodge.

Our Grand Lodge was instituted on 25th April, 1874.

The first report shows to have been dated June 7th, 1874, and returned 5 Lodges with a membership of 387. Since that date the rise and progress of this jurisdiction I present in tabulated form:

Ending 31st Dec. each year.	Number of Lodges.	Membership.	Increase.	Decrease.
1874.....	5.....	408.....		
1875.....	5.....	459.....	51.....	
1876.....	5.....	492.....	33.....	
1877.....	5.....	500.....	8.....	
1878.....	5.....	496.....		4
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1880.....	5.....	499.....		10
1881.....	5.....	468.....		31
1882.....	5.....	466.....		2
1883.....	6.....	500.....	34.....	
1884.....	6.....	546.....	46.....	
1885.....	6.....	614.....	68.....	
1886.....	7.....	700.....	86.....	
1887.....	9.....	802.....	102.....	
1888.....	9.....	890.....	86.....	

REBEKAH LODGES.

1887.....1.....44 Brothers.....28 Sisters

From this you can see that our success was varied, reaching 509 members in 1879, it decreased in 1882 to 466; from that date on our progress has been forward, and in 1886 when you honored me with this position, the returns show a membership of 700 members, and now at the end of my term I am gratified to report an addition to our membership of 190. This 890 I hope to see increased to 1000 members, with ten Lodges, which will entitle this jurisdiction to two Representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

NOTEWORTHY.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, numerically the weakest, furnished me a report which shows that the Lodge takes care in the selection of its members, and that they exercise care in their expenditures, and that all the work is done without cost, I abstract from this *return*, the following:

Cash on hand.....	\$350 00
Invested in Cemetery.....	630 00
Number of sick members during the year.....	none
Amount paid for current expenses during the year.....	80 00

I regret that I am unable to furnish a statement of the condition of the entire jurisdiction, but owing to Columbia

Lodge, No. 2, not furnishing replies to questions asked complete *return* could not be prepared.

* PROCLAMATIONS.

1819-1888.

ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
VICTORIA, February 27th, 1888.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, GREETING :

The Grand Sire having issued his Proclamation recommending all Grand and Subordinate Bodies to set apart and dedicate the 26th day of April, 1888, the sixty-ninth anniversary of our Order, to appropriate exercises and to thanksgiving and praise to the giver of All Good for the many blessings showered upon the Order and its members individually and collectively.

Now therefore I, Joshua Davies, Grand Master, hereby request all Lodges in this Jurisdiction to observe the above named day, in the manner to them seeming most fitting, and a dispensation is hereby granted them to appear in public in regalia on that occasion, providing that in case of a procession the uniform street dress be worn.

FREDERICK DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

I. O. O. F., OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
VICTORIA, B. C., July 12th, 1888.

To all Lodges subordinate to the Grand Lodge of B. C.

Sirs and Brothers,—I am requested by Jno. H. White, Grand Sire, to furnish him with full information as to the location, cost and equipment of all Odd Fellows' Homes, Orphan Asylums, Schools, etc., completed, commenced or dedicated since the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Boston in 1886; also the location, cost, etc., of all Odd Fellows' Halls and Lodge Rooms, commenced, completed or dedicated since the time specified, where the property is owned by the Order; also any other particulars which may be of interest to the Order.

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This information is desired that a general statement of the condition and property of the Order, in the above respects, may be made to accompany his annual report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in September next.

In compliance with the request of the Grand Sire, I respectfully urge on all who are in possession of the desired information, to furnish the same on or before the 31st day of July, 1888, directed to

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION.

Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
VICTORIA, B. C., August 10, 1888.

To whom these presents shall come, Greeting :

Pursuant to instructions contained in the resolution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, adopted at its Annual Session, held at New Westminster, 1888, (proceedings 635) I, Joshua Davies, Grand Master, do hereby request all Subordinate Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, to assemble at their respective Lodge Rooms, on the 20th day of September, the anniversary of the death of J. P. Davies, Past Grand Master, and engage in appropriate memorial exercises respecting their deceased members ; such exercises to be conducted in a manner appropriate to the occasion. Should a different day be more convenient, any Lodge is permitted to hold such service on any day such Lodge may select.

FREDERICK DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

I. O. O. F., OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,
VICTORIA, B. C.

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—Your attention is called to the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the session in Los Angeles, California, September 17th to 21st, 1888, as follows :

DEGREE OF REBEKAH CHARGE BOOKS.

Resolved, that hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall only be conferred by Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Resolved, that all laws requiring elective officers to Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah, be and are hereby repealed

WHEREAS at the present session of this Grand Lodge the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah has been taken from the Subordinate Lodges of this Order, and

WHEREAS, the conferring of said degree exclusively by the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah leaves a large number of the Rituals of said degree in the possession of Subordinate Lodges, both under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body and the various Grand Jurisdictions; therefore, be it

Resolved, that all Grand Lodges are hereby directed to take such steps as will secure from Subordinate Lodges the Rituals of said degree in their possession. (Journal 11,363, 11,402.)

You will please forward all Rebekah Rituals in your possession to Frederick Davey, Grand Secretary, for which will be remitted to you such sums as the Sovereign Grand Lodge allows.

The Grand Sire decides that the A. P. W. of the Degree of Rebekah, for 1889, must not be communicated to officers of subordinate Lodges. It is to be used only in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

VETERAN JEWEL.

WHEREAS, the greater number of the membership of the Order have not and cannot attain to official station, many of whom are entitled by the years of their membership to the honored appellation of Veterans; and

WHEREAS, it would be a great and graceful thing to authorize them to wear a jewel significant of the fact; therefore,

Resolved, that members of the Order in good standing, and who for twenty-five years or more have been such, shall be entitled to wear a Jewel to be designated "The Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F."

Resolved, That the committee on Printing Supplies, together with the Grand Sire, are authorized and directed to prepare a suitable design for such jewel, and whenever, in their judgment, it shall be expedient, to procure and furnish the same to such persons as are entitled thereto and at such price as they shall fix, and the proceeds of such sales shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer in the same manner as the sales of other supplies. (Journal, 11,341 11,411.)

In accordance with above directions, the Committee concluded to provide the jewels, which will be furnished to Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges and Grand Scribes of Grand Encampments, to be delivered by them to Subordinates, for the applicants, on the receipt of satisfactory evidence that they are entitled to wear them. When ready, due notice will be given, with such directions as to the sale of the jewels, as may be necessary.

VISITING CARDS.

The Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge and Rebekah Degree Lodge, during the recess of their respective bodies, may issue visiting cards to members in good standing when application is made to them in writing.

HISTORY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

The History and Manual of Odd Fellowship, by Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary of Sovereign Grand Lodge, was recommended to the brotherhood.

BOOK-KEEPING.

Bro. M. Posz's system of keeping books and accounts for Subordinate Lodges was recommended as it "greatly simplifies and harmonizes the work of the financial officers of lodges."

DECISION.

No. 56 of Past Grand Sire White's was adopted, and Grand Sire Underwood decides, that "A decision rendered by a Noble Grand upon the meaning of a part of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, or, in fact, upon any question arising in the Lodge, is subject to be appealed to the Lodge, except in matters relating to the written or unwritten work of the Lodge."

This law makes void our local law page 215, proceedings G. L. B. C.

I would, therefore, recommend Noble Grands to always defer for one week the giving of decisions of any moment, and to have all such resolutions, especially those affecting the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, in writing.

DUES.

A Subordinate Lodge may increase its dues by the addition of any specific sum above the minimum rate now fixed by our Grand Lodge, and may determine how a portion or all of said increase shall be applied under authority of our Grand

Lodge. Under this method lodges may form funds for objects for which dispensations would issue which would bear equally on all members.

Yours Fraternally,

FREDK. DAVEY,

Grand Secretary.

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

1864-1889.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION.

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER,

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 8th, 1889.

To all whom these Presents shall come, GREETING :

On the completion of so auspicious and eventful an epoch as the Twenty-Fifth Year in the history of our Order in this Province, it is becoming to commemorate the close of a quarter of a century of its beneficent and vigorous existence with fitting ceremony.

Therefore with the view of affording to every Odd Fellow within our border an opportunity of expressing thankfulness to the Supreme Giver, and of making the Silver Anniversary of our Order an occasion worthy of especial celebration.

Now, therefore, I, Joshua Davies, Grand Master, do hereby request all Lodges in this Jurisdiction to observe the 10th day of March, 1889, in the manner to them seeming most fitting, and a dispensation is hereby granted them to appear in public in regalia on that occasion, providing, that in case of a procession the uniform street dress be worn.

FREDK. DAVEY,

Grand Secretary.

JOSHUA DAVIES,

Grand Master.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,

ALBION, New York, April 15th, 1888.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Grand Master.

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ing engagements. First, with reference to the expenditure of money on public occasions and for public display. The S. G. L. has found it necessary to curtail the expenditure of funds for Subordinates, otherwise the main and chief object for the institution of the Order would be lost sight of, viz: the relief of the members in times of distress. Had you been a member of the S. G. L. the wisdom of this rule would be apparent to you. As to anniversaries, the decision made by myself at last session establishes a principle which in my judgment is salutary. There doubtless are ways enough by which a Lodge may legally establish an entertainment fund, though I never have formulated any scheme for that purpose. If such a fund can be established there can be no difficulty in having or celebrating Lodge Anniversaries or of paying the expenses of a parade on the Queen's birthday, or the celebration of the Declaration of Independence or other like occasions. This Canton business is, as you say, a new departure, and what the outcome will be is yet to be seen. There was a persistent attempt for many years to merge the Encampment branch, but it would not command a vote sufficient to accomplish the object. Were the attempt made now, since the establishment of the P. M. degree, the result might be different. Still things are so ordered that none but those who wish need take any of the Ornamental degrees. The reason of the amount of legislation in reference to the P. M. degree at Denver is accounted for from the fact that it is a new thing and is and was not perfected. As to the needed legislation omitted at the last session, allow me to say that the *S. G. L. is a conservative body* and goes slow. Why Foreign Jurisdictions are allowed to legislate on the age question comes from the peculiar condition of things there. Australia asked for it because the Manchester Unity admitted boys, and it was deemed by them necessary to the welfare of the American Order. As to the color question it is impossible to make anyone not an inhabitant of the U. S. see the necessity for the exclusion. Here we had millions of negro slaves, and now have millions of free negroes, as ignorant and brutish as is possible, and the founder of the American Order deemed the safety of the Order, as a moral and intellectual Order, demanded this restriction. But my good brother it is not possible without so much waste of time to reason all these questions on paper. Come to the Sessions of the S. G. L. and hear the discussions on these and other topics and probably even you may be satisfied. As for myself, I would like to see the rule relaxed as to the qualification for membership both as to age and color,

and the time in my judgment is soon coming when there will be a change in one or both of these respects. There are many civilized Indians who would make good Odd Fellows. As it is now our membership is as varied, so far as the whites are concerned, as it is possible to be. We have from the highest in the land,—I had almost said to the lowest. The tendency is to go down, as it seems to me, unless great care be had in the selection of candidates. Almost any member will propose one who desires it, whom he thinks is a *very little* lower in this moral world than he thinks himself to be, but whom he yet believes to be a good fellow. This good fellow will propose another concerning whom he thinks about the same, and thus the thing goes on by degrees until the standard is not as high as it should be. But I must stop. Excuse this hasty rambling scrawl and come to the S. G. L., and believe me ever

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN H. WHITE,
Grand Sire.

JOHN H. WHITE, ESQ.,
Grand Sire,
ALBION, New York.

9th June, 1888.

Dear Sir and Brother,—I am in receipt of your kind acknowledgment of my letter of January 16th, and am impressed with its fraternal tone, and in reply will endeavor to imbue you with the idea that my letter was but the impress of my opinion garnered from a close and intimate knowledge of our people and their characteristics; and feeling that I owe a duty to the Order here, of which I am the representative head to do my utmost for its advancement, I will endeavor to answer your letter, so that you can better appreciate the difficulty that has in a measure impeded our more rapid advancement.

With reference to your remarks under the head of "Expenditure of money on public occasions," you are doubtless gauging us by your measure of knowledge of the love of display characteristic of the people of the United States, and the legislation on this subject proves conclusively to me that a majority of the Representatives to the S. G. L. are of opinion that the laws on this subject must be of a stringent nature and that to relax them would probably be injurious to many State jurisdictions. I have pictured in my mind the dread that the patriarchs of the Order view any radical change

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this matter of display expenditure, learned probably by the desire of the younger Odd Fellows to take a prominent part in what you aptly termed "ornamental degrees;" but when I inform you that our members are not inclined to a personal display, and that the progress of the Order leans heavily on a few whose personal interest means personal expenditure, with the result of benefit to all connected, you can readily understand that interest must and does relax to the detriment of the Order. As the workers see the advancement of their Lodge, with concomitant accumulation of funds for the good of all the members, but greatly at the few active members' personal cost; and they to my mind rightly judge, that some method ought to be legally established for expenditures where the Lodge or Order is benefitted, allowing Lodges to set aside and expend a per centage of their returns from their accumulated funds. This would prevent weak Lodges from impairing their treasuries, at the same time giving an opportunity to those Lodges receiving returns from invested capital to legally expend money for the advancement of the Order. Is it not apparent that the law is evaded when the expenditures of the next meeting of the S. G. L. are partly guaranteed by the jurisdiction of California, the one that probably can best afford to make a payment for such an object, and such expenditure will possibly receive a unanimous acquiescence of the members. But is there not a question of its legality evaded? I hope you will formulate a scheme on this subject and present a recommendation next September acceptable to the S. G. L., as I am of opinion that if such power is given, that our Grand Lodge would keep a firm hold and exercise it with care and advantage.

The Canton innovation is to my mind a grand mistake, and was the result of that first error the Encampment Branch. The latter was fast dying a slow but natural death, and the institution of the Cantons has probably only resuscitated it, so that it might die the quicker. You have styled the Cantons "ornamental degrees" optional with those who wish to take them; but ought not the Encampment be included in the list, and not force a brother (who has received the highest honor a State Grand Lodge could confer upon him with a life long seat in such grand body with full powers of a Representative), to join a branch of the Order which he may not desire nor desire to affiliate with; but if he seeks admission to the S. G. L. such is the barrier raised against him. A Past Grand has a right of entry to his Grand Lodge, but a Past Grand Master has no right, nor can he be elected as a Repre-

sentative to the S. G. L. unless he is an Encampment member of the Patriarchal Degree. As an honorary degree it might do, but as an imperative requirement the barrier ought to be broken down. You have kindly invited me to seek for better understanding as to the wisdom of the laws bearing upon the questions raised, by attendance at the S. G. L. My peculiar status relative to the Encampment will probably prevent my attendance, and I regret that I cannot accept your method to right the wrong, as I cannot ask for favors where I might demand a right, neither do I desire to create the slightest ripple of annoyance. I expect that some day the Order will permit any P. G. M. the right to represent a Grand Lodge without demanding his holding membership in an Encampment. Foreign Jurisdictions—The same reason the S. G. L. prompted its giving to Australia the advantage of admitting to membership those of 18 years and upwards exists here equally to our disadvantage. We have to contend against the Ancient Order of Foresters, and we find the sons of prominent Odd Fellows join that Society long before they would be permitted to our Order. These are irrevocably lost to us. And as to the color question, there again is this jurisdiction gauged by the peculiarities of that of the United States, and the ignorant negro is the standard by which is rated the intelligent educated man who has some tinge of native blood in his veins. I admit that there is a difficulty in making laws equally favorable to the different countries where the Order is established, and what suits the United States would probably work to the detriment of the Lodges in other countries. I have not found the selection of candidates has had a downward tendency in this jurisdiction.

You mention that the S. G. L. is a conservative body and moves slowly. If you allude to the question of an Insurance or Endowment feature, as auxiliary to the Order, together with the qualifications for membership, then I am only giving you the opinion of this jurisdiction when I say that the Order has lost many members by their non-adoption, and that our present body cannot too rapidly move towards giving to its members an opportunity to provide for their families in case of their demise, and not continue to force members to seek other Societies for relief in this respect. If conservatism in either of these questions means the delay in their acceptance then from my point of view a doubt is raised in my mind as to the progressive character of our Order, as I have for years accepted as a fact, that Odd Fellowship could and ought to include every advantage to its members, that any or all similar

Societies combined could offer. I have expressed to you an opinion on many needed points of legislation, but if the Degree of Truth constitute the last fee degree and work of Lodges was conducted in the initiatory then we would probably have a larger attendance in our Subordinates, and the members know more about the work of the Order: as it is, one needs almost to make Odd Fellowship a profession, and to be continuously exercising it or he soon mixes the work if he does not forget it entirely. In expressing what I have considered firm questions for debate, remember we each view from our own standpoint, and I hope some day to grasp your hand and talk the questions to an issue. The S. G. L. legislation I hope next session will be conspicuous by its forward movement in the direction named, and that the result will be in the interest of Subordinate Lodges.

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ALBION, New York, July 22nd, 1888.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of 9th inst. received and I have read it with interest, yet I do not know that I have anything to add to my former letter. Some of your views I agree with entirely, others not. Thanking you for the Photo, I remain, in all good fellowship, and especially Odd Fellowship,

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN H. WHITE,
Grand Sire.

INVITATION TO GRAND SIRE WHITE.

28th July, 1888.

JOHN H. WHITE, Esq.,
Grand Sire,
ALBION, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Please let me know the route you intend taking going and coming to and from the next Session

of the S. G. L. If the Canadian Pacific Railway is travelled over, Victoria can be visited without extra cost, and as this jurisdiction has never yet been officially visited by an officer of the S. G. L., you might endeavor to visit us, bringing a good delegation with you, and an effort will be made to make your visit pleasant. Our scenery is entirely different from that on the line of the American transcontinental lines, and the roads and drives in and around Victoria are the best on the Pacific Coast. Come, and tell me when.

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
ALBION, New York, August 7th, 1888.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Grand Master.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of 27th ult. received. I expect to go to Los Angeles by the Santa Fe route and return by the Northern Pacific, and it will not be possible for me to visit you, though it would afford me much pleasure could I do so. The view taken by your Chief Justice in the Bone case is not the one generally taken by the Order, and I hardly think is sound, though in accordance with the general principle of law, that no man has a right of action until he has been injured or deprived of some right. Your remarks are in the main correct expositions of the law of the Order. I have just received a synopsis of the returns of membership, etc., from Grand Secretary Ross, which shows a net increase in 1887 of 25,442 members, a most glorious showing. As my term of office will soon expire, and as this may be the last official communication I shall have the privilege of addressing you, I desire to express my thanks for the zeal, energy and ability which you have displayed as Grand Master of your jurisdiction. With kind regard, I subscribe myself,

Yours Fraternally,

JOHN H. WHITE,
Grand Sire.

Victoria, November 3rd, 1888.

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Esq.,
Grand Sire, COVINGTON, KY.

Dear Sir and Brother,—In 1882 our Grand Lodge adopted the following: "The law or constitution of a Subordinate

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"Lodge emanates from the Grand Lodge, and the decision of
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"same upon the Lodge over which he presides, can only be
"set aside or reversed by the higher authority. No appeal to
"the Lodge against the ruling of the N. G. upon a point of
"law is admissible." Page 215 Proceedings G. L. B. C. De-
cision No. 56 of P. G. Sire White rules otherwise. Can our
jurisdiction retain our local law, it having been found to
operate to the advantage of our Order here?

2nd. Can a Lodge increase its dues say one dollar a year
towards forming a "Management Fund," to be used in objects
towards the advancement of the Order?

3rd. What advantage has Rebekah Degree Lodges ob-
tained by having had the exclusive rights conferred upon
them to confer the degree, when all laws requiring elective
officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of
Rebekah, were repealed?

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE
COVINGTON, Ky., November 3rd, 1888.

JOSHUA DAVIES, Esq.,
Grand Master, etc.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Yours of the 3rd ult. at hand on
my return from the Pacific slope, about the middle of October,
and has been just reached for answer, and in response to your
query, I have to say that the decision of the last Grand
which was approved by the Sov. Gr. Lodge, stands as
the latest and most active law in the premises.

Therefore, a decision rendered by a Noble Grand upon
the meaning of a part of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution,
or in fact upon any question arising in the Lodge is subject
to be appealed from to the Lodge, except in matters relating
to the written or unwritten work of the Order.

In answer to your second query, I will state that the
subject of dues is wholly vested in State Grand Bodies, which
possess the broadest powers for legislation in the premises.
See § 389, New Digest, etc. Said Grand Lodge possesses the

right to determine and prescribe a minimum amount to be paid by its Subordinates for dues, leaving it for the Subordinates to provide by law for any specific sum above that rate. See § 390, New Digest, etc.

Therefore, it is held that a Lodge can, by law, increase its dues by the addition of any specific sum above said minimum rate, fixed by the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction, and may determine how a portion or all of said increase shall be applied, under authority from the said Grand Lodge.

To your third query, I answer that on and after January 1st, 1889, the advantage obtained by the Rebekah Degree Lodges from the repeal of the law, requiring certain Officers of Subordinate Lodges to be in possession of the Degree of Rebekah is uncertain; though it may be estimated as being advantageous to the Degree; 1st, by the special recognition and coöperation given to it; and 2nd, through exclusive right to confer the Degree and thereby probably superinduce a great increase in its active members.

Hoping for the continued prosperity of the Order,

I remain, truly and fraternally,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,

Grand Sire.

November 29, 1888.

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, Esq.,

Grand Sire,

COVINGTON, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother,—Your valued favor of Nov. 3rd came duly to hand, and I thank you heartily for your demonstrative reply. Your ruling upon the first question asked you confirms my opinion upon the law under discussion. My experience teaches me that there is danger in the law as it now exists, and in direct conflict with what has been deemed in this jurisdiction, a necessary safeguard to be held by our Grand Lodge. I look upon a Noble Grand as an Officer upon whom great responsibility is placed, and from whom we exact promises of much moment to the Order, which this law may interfere with his carrying out. In fact, the real line binding the Grand Lodge to her Subordinates is broken; and at any time a small majority at a meeting may contrive and demand of the Officers of a Lodge, to do what these Officers know to be wrong, and the Noble Grand has no restraining power to

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My advice to the Noble Grands in this jurisdiction has been to always defer for one week the giving of decisions of any moment, and to have all resolutions affecting the Subordinate Lodge Constitution in writing.

This jurisdiction would prefer its own ruling upon this very important subject.

Your decision on Dues will give me power to authorita-
tively place the subject of legally giving our Subordinates
power to form a fund for such objects as a dispensation would
issue, and which are not now recognized as a legal expendi-
ture. Rebekah Degree Lodges are by the action of the S. G.
L. severed from Odd Fellowship. No member of the Order
need have the degree, it being complimentary. It gives to
the ladies entitled to receive the degree a questionable benefit,
because Oddfellows may not be in possession of the degree.
A special recognition would be for it to be made not honorary,
but *imperative* upon all to be in possession of it. I do not
think that the existing legislation will increase its active
members here.

Yours Fraternaly,

JOSHUA DAVIES,
Grand Master.

I furnished to Grand Sire White the following, which
was incorporated in his report to the S. G. L.:

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, at Chill-
hach, own a cemetery lot, which cost, with improvements,
\$29. The value of assets throughout the jurisdiction exceeds
\$80,000. Victoria Lodge, No. 1, has paid to four of its mem-

bers about \$11,000 since 1875. New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, at New Westminster, owns jointly with the Masons, each owning a half interest, a lot and building, the cost of which was, for the lot, \$3,875; building, \$17,500; total, \$21,375. Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Nanaimo, hall and improvements, \$500. He remarks

"Nothing conduces more to the healthy growth and permanent prosperity of a Lodge than ownership of a piece of real estate. When once a Lodge has acquired a home of its own, and in which it of consequence takes pride, there is an air of permanence about it which attracts to it outsiders, and it conveys the idea that the institution is of the stable kind. My advice, therefore, is to all Lodges, buy land and build you a home."

I notice in Grand Sire White's report to the S. G. L. that he directly pointed to several questions which were the subject of our correspondence, and to which I refer you to

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION.

"The experience of the last two years in the office of Grand Sire, taken in connection with my former service on the floor of the Grand Lodge, has convinced me that the good of the Order requires some changes in our laws. While I have no sympathy with that class of minds who are constantly quoting those unfortunate words of the venerated Ridgley 'The institution of Odd Fellowship is progressive in its character' words designed simply to inform the novitiate that there exists a regular gradation in the work of the Order, and that he can only attain the full measure of the institution progressively, step by step—as an excuse for the advocacy of every wild, Utopian scheme which they may deem of benefit to the Order, I have as little sympathy with that other class of do-nothings who constantly and stubbornly oppose any and all change as innovations harmful to the interests of the great Brotherhood. I am satisfied that as civilization is extended over the world, and the field of our labor becomes enlarged, changes are essential to our well-being, and that if we would not be left behind in the race for precedence we must keep step to the music of the nineteenth century. Toleration is a cardinal principle of our Order, and it and no other Order can extend so as to include the whole habitable globe so long as it is based upon the opinions, the feelings and the prejudices of any small section of God's great universe. To be successful it must be in the highest degree cosmopolitan."

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

"I again renew my suggestions of last year in reference to the admission of young men over eighteen years of age. Several communications on this subject have been received from different parts of the jurisdiction, and further reflection has not changed my opinion on the subject. The sons of Odd Fellows are being initiated into the Ancient Order of Foresters because they can do so under age, when they would otherwise become members of our Order. If our mission is to 'improve and elevate the character of man,' no time can be so propitious as before that character has become fixed by long years of intercourse with the world and before the cares and responsibilities of life are thrown upon the rising generation. I have no recommendation to make us to another mooted question, but of

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"It may be well, however, to have this subject in mind and see whether, in the not distant future, the door may not be partially opened to admit 'educated civilized gentlemen.' No such exist in the west and north west parts of North America. The door has indeed been partially opened already by half and quarter blood Indian wives of Odd Fellows may be admitted to membership in our Rebekah Degree Lodges, but perchance those wives should bear offspring, such children, though sons of Odd Fellows, could not be admitted to the Lodges of their fathers, by reason of their having in their veins a quarter or an eighth Indian blood, nor could their daughter be admitted, for the same reason, until after she had married an Odd Fellow."

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

"My attention has repeatedly been called to the necessity of providing for means whereby Subordinate Lodges may provide a fund to be expended in celebrations, entertainments, balls and the like, allowed by the laws of the Order. It is well, with reason, that if such entertainments are to be held under the auspices of Subordinates and funds are required, the only legal way in most cases is to call upon members for voluntary contributions, and that, as an almost universal rule in such cases, a few zealous, liberal members of a given Lodge have the privilege of bearing almost the entire burden of the entertainment. Again, it is within the knowledge of many of the members of the Grand Lodge that the in-

stances are numerous where Lodges have violated the law in this respect by voting funds out of their treasury to pay expenses incurred in various celebrations instituted by them. The general sentiment sanctions such expenditures, and it seems to be our plain duty to put things in such a shape that Lodges will not be tempted or compelled to act contrary to the law in order to gratify a general desire on the part of their members for some kind of a performance for the gratification and amusement of themselves, their wives and children. Entertainment and amusement we must have, or we cannot bear the burdens of life as become rational beings. In this line, I suggest whether a law might not be passed authorizing Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, by general law, to permit their Subordinates to set aside not to exceed, say, ten per cent of their future dues as a special fund, to be expended by such Subordinates, in their discretion, in any celebration or entertainment permitted by their Grand Body and not prohibited by the laws of this Grand Lodge. In my judgment, the time require that some relief should be afforded our various organizations in this regard."

DEGREES AND CEREMONIES.

"It seems to me that we have enough, and that it is time to call a halt. If a member belongs to all the existing branches of our Order, including the side degrees and organizations and does his duty in attendance upon their meetings, he has little time to devote to his family or to the amenities of social life, especially if he is a business man. The great public demands upon every citizen, which cannot be shirked or avoided without injury to himself and his family. Besides this, the increasing expense is alarming. Our Order being composed mostly of men whose daily bread depends upon their labor, either in the shop, the field or the office, this question of expense is a serious one. If this state of affairs continues, and degrees and ceremonies multiply, I am convinced that ere long there will be an imperative demand for merger of some of the branches. It seems to me the height of folly to increase the number. Let us rather turn our attention to perfecting what we already have."

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Provision should be made in our Constitution for the addition of a Standing Committee, to whom all *decisions* on law points could be submitted.

ILLEGAL EXPENDITURE OF LODGE FUNDS.

Attention is called to pages 69 to 75 of letter book to this important subject, and I would recommend that a law be made regulating all expenditures.

CONCLUSION.

REPRESENTATIVES.—I have now given you an account of my stewardship for the year just closed, and we have cause for congratulations that the Order has kept abreast with the general prosperity of the country. A few days more and my duties will have been transferred to another, and I bespeak for him more aid and greater encouragement, with a more lively interest taken generally by the members in the work of the Order. To my associate Officers, Grand Representative McColl and all Officers and members who have in any way assisted me in the duties of my office, I herewith extend to them my hearty thanks.

Yours Fraternally,

JOSHUA DAVIES, Grand Master.

It was moved, seconded and carried,—That the Report be received and handed to a Committee to distribute it to the several Committees.

The Grand Master appointed the following to form the Committee on Distribution:—McColl, P. G. M., No. 3; Holland, No. 4; McIntosh, No. 1.

Moved, seconded and carried,—That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
H. Waller, P. G. M.....	Acting Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
W. McColl, P. G. M.....	Representative.
W. H. Flewin.....	Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable.....	Herald.
F. Carne, P. G. M.....	Chaplain.

The Grand Marshal examined those present and reported all duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred: T. Bamford, No. 4, and R. Kilpatrick, No. 6.

The Grand Secretary read his report of the past year.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,

ODDFELLOW'S HALL,

Victoria, B. C., 13 February, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.:

In compliance with law I beg to present you with a report of the work of this office during the past year, and of the condition of the Order in the Jurisdiction to the 31st December last.

The progress made during the year can best be judged by comparison with the preceding one, and I have therefore compiled a statement of the different items contained in the reports of the Subordinate Lodges shewing the increase or decrease in each as compared with my last report.

I am sorry again to have to complain of the want of care and the dilatoriness shewn by the Secretaries of some Lodges in the preparation and forwarding of the reports, which has prevented me from giving this report the careful consideration it requires. In many cases the reports have been sent me incomplete in essential particulars, or manifestly incorrect in others, necessitating their being returned, or letters sent asking for the requisite information, and, even now, some are incomplete. This unnecessary delay shortens the time at my disposal for closing the books of the Grand Lodge and preparing my report, and points to the necessity of the Grand Lodge meeting at a later period of the year. Unless the Subordinate Lodge reports are prepared with care the information furnished is untrustworthy and their usefulness is impaired.

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Deceased	10	12
Canceled membership by N. P. D.	31	6
Expelled	2	1
Resigned	1	1
Rejected	15	1
Degrees conferred	307	
of Past Grand	141	11
Total revenue	\$48,087 16	\$ 471 10
No. of brothers relieved	116	2
of widowed families relieved	3	4
of weeks sick benefits paid	786	128
Amount paid for relief of brothers	\$ 5,912 75	\$ 466 00
paid for relief of widowed fami- lies	160 00	\$ 450 00
paid for burying the dead	780 00	855 00
paid for educating the orphan	95 00	95 00
Total relief paid	6,947 75	764 00
Amount paid for current expenses	6,291 06	1,383 48
Amount of assets	66,906 19	5,730 53
Average amount of sick benefits paid to each sick member	50 97	3 20
Average amount expended for relief per member	7 80	1 81
Average duration of sickness per sick member	6wks 5dys	1 week
Average duration of sickness per member	6 days	
Average amount of assets per member	\$ 75 20	1 08
Total amount paid for relief since forma- tion of Grand Lodge in 1874	70,344 25	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount of cash received and paid over to Grand
Treasurer during the year:

From whom received.	Supplies.	Tax term ending 30th June, 1888.	Tax term ending 31st Dec'r, 1888.	McNeil Trust Fund.	Over- paym't	Total.
Victoria Lodge No. 1.	\$ 7 50	\$ 132 75	\$ 43 00			\$ 183 25
Edinburgh Lodge No. 2.	3 85	108 00	37 00			148 85
Westminster Lodge No. 3.	1 00	58 50	20 25			79 75
Union Lodge No. 4.		57 75	22 25			80 00
Black Diamond Lodge No. 5.		81 00				81 00
Harmony Lodge No. 6.	18 25	81 00	28 25	\$71 00		198 50
Fieldor Lodge No. 7.		26 25	8 25			34 50
Vancouver Lodge No. 8.	12 75	39 75	16 00			68 50
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	\$ 50 85	\$ 635 25	\$ 194 00	\$71 00	\$12 00	\$ 972 10

Orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer during the year

1888.			
Feb'y 10,	No. 1,	G. H. Maynard, bank draft.....	\$ 1 00
"	" 2,	W. Edmunds, Mileage.....	30 00
"	" 3,	J. C. Henderson, ".....	10 00
"	" 4,	R. Campbell, ".....	10 00
"	" 5,	T. C. Gray, ".....	8 00
"	" 6,	W. Vivian, ".....	8 00
"	" 7,	H. McAdie, ".....	20 00
"	" 8,	B. Baker, ".....	20 00
"	" 9,	R. Scott, ".....	20 00
"	" 10,	G. Williams, ".....	20 00
"	" 11,	J. Green, ".....	20 00
"	" 12,	E. Hoskins, ".....	8 00
"	" 13,	C. R. Monck, Janitor.....	10 00
"	" 14,	J. Davies, Mileage.....	15 00
"	" 15,	F. Davey, ".....	15 00
"	" 16,	F. Carne, ".....	15 00
"	" 17,	R. McIntosh, ".....	15 00
"	" 18,	W. E. Holmes, ".....	15 00
"	" 19,	W. Templeman, ".....	12 50
"	" 20,	R. W. Fawcett, ".....	15 00
"	" 21,	G. H. Maynard, ".....	15 00
"	" 22,	J. H. Meldram, ".....	15 00
"	" 23,	H. Waller, ".....	15 00
"	" 24,	P. W. Dempster, ".....	15 00
"	" 25,	W. D. McKillican, ".....	15 00
"	" 26,	J. Wriglesworth, ".....	12 50
"	" 27,	J. E. Phillips (No.4) ".....	15 00
"	" 28,	W. H. Huxtable, cleaning, etc., Grand Secretary's office.....	10 00
March 7,	" 29,	F. Davey, Grand Secretary, remittance to Sovereign Grand Lodge, for supplies, etc.	45 61
July 31,	" 30,	F. Davey, Grand Secretary, six months' salary.....	90 00
"	" 31,	Grand Secretary, postage and sundries.....	12 55
"	" 32,	Grand Secretary, for transmission to Sovereign Grand Lodge, Representative Tax.....	75 00
Aug. 18,	" 33,	Grand Secretary, remittance to Sovereign Grand Lodge for supplies.....	10 40
Nov. 8,	" 34,	Grand Secretary, three months' salary.....	45 00
"	" 35,	Grand Secretary, postage, etc.....	2 71
"	" 36,	J. Davies, Grand Master, postage for year 1887.....	10 00
Dec. 18,	" 37,	M. Miller, printing proceedings 1888.....	150 00
1889.			
Feb. 1,	" 38,	Odd Fellows Union, 12 months' rent Grand Secretary's office, to 31 Dec., 1888.....	60 00
" 6,	" 39,	F. Davey, Grand Secretary, 3 months' salary.....	45 00
" "	" 40,	F. Davey, Grand Secretary, postage, etc.....	1 50
" "	" 41,	Hibben & Co., stationery.....	10 20
Total payments.....			\$ 958 00

SUMMARY.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer per last report.....	\$	363 90
Unpaid orders last term.....		25 00
Total amount of cash received and paid to Grand Treasurer....		972 10
Less orders drawn.....		1,361 00
		958 06
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$	402 94

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Dr. Cr.

Stock on hand per last report.....\$ 180 14

PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR:

2 Anniversary Odes, @ 5c.....	\$	10
2 Funeral Odes, @ 5c.....		10
50 Visiting Cards, @ 20c.....	10	00
12 Dismissal Certificates, @ 20c.....	2	40
1 Card for Wife or Widow, Rebekah Degree, @ 20c.....		20
1 Rebekah Certificate.....		20
10 Books of Forms, @ 75c.....	7	50
5 White's Digests, @ \$2.50.....	12	50
10 Supplemental Digests, at 50c.....	5	00
10 Anniversary Ceremonies, @ 20c.....	2	00
10 Burial Services, Degree of Rebekah, @ 10c.....	1	00
2 Question Books, @ \$1.00.....	2	00
1 Bound Journal, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	1	50
4 Subordinate Lodge Rituals, @ \$2.00.....	8	00
Postage, Customs Duties, etc., on the above.....	8	48

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SOLD DURING THE YEAR:

102 Visiting Cards, @ 25c.....	\$25	50
9 Visiting Cards, Rebekah Degree, @ 25c.....	2	25
11 Dismissal Certificates, @ 25c.....	2	75
2 Rebekah Degree Charge Books, @ \$3.00.....	6	00
4 Subordinate Lodge Rituals, @ \$3.....	12	00
1 California Beautified Work, D. of R.....	75	
50 Applications for Membership, @ 1½c.....	75	
2 Order Books on Treasurer, @ \$1.50..	3	00
6 Books of Forms, @ \$1.25.....	7	50
1 Supplemental Digest.....	75	
1 Officers' Roll Book.....	1	00

Carried forward.....\$ 241 12

STOCK ACCOUNT.—Continued.		Dr.	Cr.
Brought forward.....	\$ 241 12		
1 Bound Journal, Sovereign Grand Lodge.....	2 25		
32 Orders for P. W., @ 5c.....	1 60		\$ 66 10
Loss during the year.....			45 73
STOCK STILL ON HAND:			
4 Books of Forms (new), @ 85c.....	\$ 3 40		
48 Books of Forms (old), no value.....			
1 Book of Odes, with music.....	65		
400 Initiation Petitions.....	2 70		
Orders for P. W.....	3 00		
3 Rebekah Degree Charge Books (new).....	9 00		
5 Rebekah Degree Charge Books (old).....			
44 Diplomas, @ 65c.....	28 60		
30 Withdrawal Cards, @ 22c.....	6 60		
12 Dismissal Certificates, @ 22c.....	2 64		
8 Visiting Cards, @ 22c.....	1 76		
12 Visiting Cards, Rebekah, @ 22c.....	2 64		
8 Vols. Proceedings Grand Lodge B.C., @ \$1.25.....	10 00		
2 Subordinate Lodge Charters, @ 60c.....	1 20		
3 White's Digests, @ \$2.50.....	7 50		
9 White's Digests, Supplemental, @ 60c.....	5 40		
20 Rebekah Degree Lodge Odes, at 5c.....	1 00		
4 Rebekah Degree Lodge Rituals, @ \$2.25.....	9 00		
4 Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books, @ \$2.25.....	9 00		
1 Rebekah Degree Lodge Certificate..	20		
7 Rebekah Degree Lodge, Beautified Work, @ 50c.....	3 50		
17 Order Books on Treasurer, @ 90c....	15 30		
2 Anniversary Odes, @ 5c.....	10		
2 Funeral Odes, @ 5c.....	10		
1 Card for Wife or Widow, Rebekah Degree.....	20		
10 Anniversary Ceremonies, @ 22c.....	2 20		
10 Burial Services, Daughter of Rebekah @ 12c.....	1 20		
2 Question Books, @ \$1.20.....	2 40		
Being balance Dr. to said account per Balance Sheet.....			129 29
		\$ 241 12	\$ 241 12

BALANCE SHEET.

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

February 9, 1889.

Folio.	Accounts.	Dr.	Cr.
3	Sovereign Grand Lodge		\$ 8 02
28	Grand Treasurer	\$ 402 94	
42	Profit and Loss		705 79
44	Furniture and Regalia	224 25	
47	Excelsior Lodge No. 7	3 25	
49	Victoria Lodge No. 1	2 25	
51	New Westminster Lodge No. 3	3 60	
53	Vancouver Lodge No. 8	03	
55	Dominion Lodge No. 4	2 70	
61	Stock Account	129 29	
66	Tatnai Lodge No. 9		12 00
70	Black Diamond Lodge No. 5	28 50	
80	McNeil Trust Fund		71 00
		\$ 796 81	\$796 81

AUXILIARY ENDOWMENT BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

No. of members last report	141
“ admitted during the year	5
	146
“ deceased	5
“ suspended	23
	28
“ in good standing	118
Being a loss of 23 members.	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, last report	\$ 221 40
Received for assessments	394 70

\$ 616 10

PAYMENTS.

1888.

Feb. 29, Order No. 2, benefit on death of Bro. J. McNeil	\$ 221 70
Aug. 13, Order No. 4, benefit on death of Bro. A. C. Couves	204 75 \$ 426 45
Balance	\$ 189 65

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MANAGEMENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, last report.....	\$ 187 71½
Interest, Savings Bank	6 40
Entrance Fees	5 00
Dues	183 27
	\$ 382 38½

PAYMENTS.

1888.			
Feb. 10,	Transfer to Reserve Fund.....	\$123 30	
"	Order No. 1, Draft to Nanaimo.....	1 10	
Aug. 18,	" 5, Grand Secretary, 6 months' salary.....	50 00	
"	" 6, Grand Secretary, postage and sundries	5 12	
Oct. 31,	" 7, J. A. Cohen, printing.....	5 25	
Nov. 1,	" 8, Grand Secretary, 3 months' salary	25 00	
"	" 9, Grand Secretary, postage and sundries	2 70	
1889.			
Feb. 4,	" 10, Grand Secretary, 3 months' salary	25 00	
"	" 11, Hibben & Co., envelopes.....	1 50	
"	" 12, Grand Secretary, postage and sundries	1 50	240 00
	Balance.....	\$ 141 91½	

RESERVE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, last report.....	\$ 98 40
1888.	
Feb. 10, Transfer from Management Fund.....	123 30
Reinstatements	6 55
	\$ 228 25

PAYMENTS.

March 3, Order No. 3, benefit on death of Bro. W. Wilks.....	221 70
Balance.....	\$ 6 55

SUMMARY.

Balance Endowment Fund	\$ 189 65
Balance Management Fund	141 91½
Balance Reserve Fund.....	6 55
Total in hands of Grand Treasurer.....	\$ 338 11½

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On the 7th April, last, I received the sum of \$10.00 from New Westminster Lodge No. 3, and on 13th October a further sum of \$20.00 from Excelsior Lodge No. 7, as donations, in response to an appeal from Harmony Lodge No. 6, to a fund

to be held in trust by the Grand Lodge for the benefit of James McNeil, a minor, son of the late Bro. John McNeil, P. G., a member of Harmony Lodge. As there is no provision in the Constitution for the holding of such funds in trust, nor any special legislation authorizing such, and after consultation with the Grand Master, permission was obtained from the respective contributing Lodges for the remittance of these amounts to Harmony Lodge No. 6, which was accordingly done. On the 10th November, 1888, I received a cheque from the Grand Master for \$71.00, received from Harmony Lodge, with directions to hold the same in trust for Bro. McNeil's son. I have consequently paid the same to the Grand Treasurer and opened an account in the Grand Lodge books. Whilst of the opinion that the case is a thoroughly deserving one, I would recommend that this sum be refunded to Harmony Lodge No. 6, because the adoption of such a responsibility by the Grand Lodge would establish a precedent that would be attended by inconvenience and dissatisfaction. I have no doubt somewhat similar cases exist in almost every Lodge, and would be readily transferred to this Grand Lodge, because such a fund could not be efficiently administered by an Executive scattered probably all over the Province: and further, because the Trustees of Harmony Lodge are constituted by the By-Laws of that Lodge the custodians of the widows and orphans of their deceased brothers.

An appeal has been received on behalf of Bro. T. S. Bone from the action of Columbia Lodge No. 2, in expelling him from membership for conduct unbecoming an Oddfellow.

Abstracts of the reports from the Subordinate Lodges are submitted herewith.

All of which is submitted in F., L. and T.,

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and handed to the Committee on Distribution.

Report read from Grand Treasurer :

VICTORIA, Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—I, the undersigned, beg leave to present you my report as Grand Treasurer for the year 1888, which is as follows :

1888	Dr.
Feb. 10, Cash received from Grand Secretary on taking office.....	\$ 388 90
May 15, Cash from Grand Secretary	27 50
18, " " " "	344 50
Dec. 20, " " " "	263 75
" " " "	46 05
1889.	
Feb. 9, " " " "	290 30
Total moneys received.....	\$ 1,361 00
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Paid Orders 1 to 41.....	\$958 06
Balance on hand.....	402 94
Total	\$ 1,361 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. MAYNARD,
Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Dear Sirs and Brothers :—I beg leave to submit my report of the I. O. O. F. Endowment Association :

ENDOWMENT FUND.

1888.	
Feb. 10, Cash received from Grand Secretary.....	\$ 221 40
May 15, " " " "	191 15
Dec. 20, " " " "	197 90
1889.	
Feb. 11, " " " "	5 65
Total	\$ 616 10

1888.	
Feb. 29, Paid Order No. 2.....	\$221 70
May 13, Paid Order No. 4.....	204 75
1889.	
Feb. 13, Balance on hand	189 65
Total	\$ 616 10

MANAGEMENT FUND.

1888.	
Feb. 8, From Grand Secretary.....	\$ 193 27
May 15, " " " "	39 25
Dec. 20, " " " "	97 67
1889.	
Feb. 11, " " " "	51 35
Total.....	\$ 381 54

1888.	
March 3, By transfer to Reserve Fund.....	\$123 30
Aug. 18, Paid Order No. 5.....	50 00
“ “ “ 6.....	5 12
Oct. 31, “ “ 7.....	5 25
Nov. 1, “ “ 8, 9.....	27 70
1889.	
Feb. 4, “ “ 10, 11, 12.....	28 00
Balance on hand.....	142 17
Total.....	\$ 381 54

RESERVE FUND.

1888.	
Feb. 10, Balance.....	\$ 98 40
March 3, To transfer from Management Fund.....	123 30
Dec. 20, Cash from Grand Secretary.....	6 55
Total.....	\$ 228 25
1888.	
March 3, By Order No. 3.....	\$221 70
Feb. 13, Balance on hand.....	6 55
Total.....	\$ 228 25

Respectfully yours,

GEO. H. MAYNARD,
Grand Treasurer.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and handed to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Master stated that he had an important engagement to fill and requested permission to retire.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the request of the Grand Master be granted.

The Grand Master retired and the Deputy Grand Master took the chair.

Report read from Committee on Distribution :

VICTORIA, February 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Distribution of the Grand Master's Report, beg to recommend that all the portions relating to Decisions, and Reports of District Deputies contained on pages 2 to 14; the items marked "Refusal," page 17; Har-

mony Lodge, No. 6, page 18; "Dispensations," pages 20 and 21; "Appointment," page 22; and "Proclamations," pages 23 to 28; be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The portions of the Report marked "Visitations," upon pages 14 to 17; "Standing," page 18, 19, and a portion of page 20; "Progress," page 22; "Noteworthy," page 23; to the Committee on State of the Order.

The portions on page 17 marked "Complaint;" "Returns," on page 21; "Illegal Expenditure of Lodge Funds," page 40; and "Special Entertainment Fund, page 39; to the Committee of Laws of Subordinates.

That portion referring to "Grand Lodge Representatives" and "Legislative Committee," page 21; and also that portion upon page 40, referring to "Judiciary Committee," be referred to the Legislative Committee.

And to the Committee on Correspondence, from pages 28 to 39.

The item relating to the "Grand Secretary" to the Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. MCCOLL,
ROBT. MCINTOSH,
J. HOLLAND,
Committee of Distribution.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the Report be received and adopted.

Rep. McColl, P. G. M., presented his Report as Grand Representative, which was read, and on motion it was Resolved, That the report be received and printed in the Proceedings.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Brothers,—Your Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., has the honor of submitting the following Report of the Proceedings of the Sixty-fourth Annual Communication of that Grand Body, which met at the City of Los Angeles, California, Sept. 17th, 1888, and closed Friday evening, Sept. 21st.

The Session was most successful and harmonious.

All Grand Bodies were represented except the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Switzerland.

The following Grand Officers were present:

John H. White.....	Grand Sire.
J. C. Underwood.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
Theo. A. Ross.....	Grand Secretary.
Isaac A. Sheppard.....	" Treasurer.
Allen Jencks.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. Venable.....	Grand Chaplain.
John H. Albin.....	" Marshal.
Walter G. Dye.....	" Guardian.
W. H. Frazier.....	" Messenger.

Also Past Grand Sires Nicholson, Sanders and Farnsworth.

REPORT OF GRAND SIRE.

From the report of the Grand Sire the following extracts are made:

The year 1887 stands out as the most prosperous in the history of the Order. Not only has the increase in members been large but the revenue received is larger by hundreds of thousands, and the expenditures for relief are vastly increased over any former period. Not only this but the Order has increased largely in wealth, power and influence. Large cities and towns which formerly paid little or no attention to us, now eagerly welcome us to their hospitalities. Judges and Governors vie with each other in doing us honor, and well may we be proud of the position the Order has attained.

THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

		Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	54	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	8,331	223	.....
Grand Encampments.....	45	1	.....
Subordinate Encampments.....	2,048	52	.....
Lodge Initiations.....	53,331	8,425	.....
Lodge members.....	555,722	25,422	.....
Encampment Initiations.....	10,932	1,295	.....
Encampment members.....	101,742	3,969	.....
Total Relief.....	\$2,353,766.02	\$126,441.52	.....
Total Revenue.....	6,065,091.42	405,319.05	.....

It will thus be seen that the net increase in membership is the magnificent number of 25,422, and the current year bids fair to outstrip the preceding one.

REBEKAH LODGES.

Here, too, there has been an unexampled increase in membership, resources and relief. The statistics are as follows:—

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Lodges.....		Increase.
Members, Brothers.....	1,498	153
Members, Sisters.....	39,176	5,843
Assets.....	40,389	6,431
Relief.....	\$179,247 90	\$22,955 21
Expenses.....	17,673 91	1,383 10
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DECISIONS.

The following, a few of the decisions of the Grand Sire, are brought forward for your consideration:—

No. 19. Question. Is it fitting that a Brother fill the position of D. D. Grand Master for his Lodge and Recording Secretary at the same time?

Answer. I cannot see that the offices are what are denominated incompatible offices. The only necessary conflict is in the installation, but that may be performed by any Past Grand.

You class the Noble Grand, Vice Grand and Recording Secretary together and call them executive officers. This, it seems to me, is hardly accurate. The Noble Grand is an executive officer, and the Vice Grand may be, as the Vice Grand may act in the absence of the Noble Grand. I think the Recording Secretary may more properly be denominated a "ministerial" officer, that is, an officer who acts by direction of another or under another's authority. An executive officer is one who executes or directs. A ministerial officer is the directed. I therefore, as at present advised, must decide that a D. D. Grand Master may act as Recording Secretary, but that a Noble Grand or a Vice Grand can not.

20. The form of affirmation prescribed in the proclamation of the Grand Sire, December 23rd, 1886, is by its terms applicable only to officers-elect, about to be installed, and members of Grand Lodges when they present themselves for admission, and, of course, the change in the form of the affirmation affects those only. The affirmation is to be administered to all officers-elect and all applicants for admission to Grand Lodges, with these words omitted, viz.: "The Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name known, or in." The affirmation required by the second and third clauses of the proclamation is not affected at all by the action of the Grand Lodge, and the affirmation therein provided for applicants for membership in either Lodges or Encampments must be administered to all such applicants, and taken by them, before they can be received in membership in

such Lodges and Encampments. The second paragraph of the Grand Sire's proclamation warrants and requires the demand, by every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in every Grand Jurisdiction, that each and every applicant for membership in each Subordinate shall take and subscribe the declaration, upon his honor as an Oddfellow; "That he does not hold membership in the Patriarchal Circle or any successor thereof, by whatever name the same may be known or called." This law is still in force and not affected by the action of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its last session, changing the form of the declaration to be administered to candidates, to officers-elect of subordinates and applicants for membership in Grand Bodies. It is the duty of every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to require all Lodges and Encampments to conform to this law.

No. 25. The general rule is that any scarlet member is eligible to any office in a Lodge except that of Noble Grand and Vice Grand, and hence a Subordinate Lodge has no right to require service in an appointed office as a qualification for election to any other elective office.

No. 35. Section 42 of the By-Laws of Argyll Lodge No. 212 at Napanee, Ontario, instituted October 17th, 1878, is as follows: "Non-Beneficial Membership, Section 42. A member of the Initiatory Degree of Truth may, on application, and a favorable ballot thereon, receive all the degrees for working purposes, on the payment of one dollar, but he shall not be entitled to or receive any additional benefits than he would have been entitled to previous to receiving said degrees until he shall have paid the balance of the fees, \$3.00 for each degree, and should such member die before he has paid the full fee, and leave a widow or orphan child or children, their benefits shall be the same as they would have been provided the deceased brother had not received the degrees. The acceptance of the full fees for such degrees by this Lodge shall be determined by ballot, and one week's notice in open lodge must be given before such ballot can be had, and the Lodge may demand the physician's certificate before taking such ballot. Section 57 provides benefits as follows: Third degree, \$3.00; Second degree, \$2.50; First degree, \$2.00; Initiatory degree, \$1.50.

This By-Law of Argyll Lodge is a queer one. I don't understand what is meant by "a member of the Initiatory Degree of Truth." It is an attempt to establish non-beneficial membership. It provides that an initiatory member

shall receive \$1.50 benefits, and then authorizes the conferring of the three degrees for the sum of \$1.00, and the theory of the By-law seems to be that a member thus situated is a non-beneficial member. But this is not true, as he receives benefits and participates in the working of the Lodge. There would be no objection to the two ballots if the membership were non-beneficial, because the second ballot, on the theory of the By-law would simply change him from a non-beneficial member to a beneficial member, in which case he has to pay an additional sum of \$8.00 for the degrees. The By-Law is illegal in its whole scope and aims.

No. 37. A Lodge may invest its surplus funds in the stock of a bank, loan and trust company, or other moneyed enterprise which it may deem to be a good paying concern.

No. 38. A Lodge holding memorial services, pursuant to the proclamation of the Grand Sire, may expend a reasonable amount of its funds to defray the necessary expenses incident thereto, under the limitations and restrictions contained in the decision of the Grand Sire, No. 15, 1887.

No. 52. The Initiatory is a degree in Odd Fellowship, but is not numbered as such. The four degrees of a Subordinate Lodge are denominated, Initiatory, First, Second and Third Degrees.

No. 56. When a Noble Grand makes a decision upon the meaning of a part of the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, an appeal therefrom to the Lodge is allowable, and the Noble Grand must put the question to the Lodge as to whether it will sustain the decision of the Noble Grand; if his decision be reversed, then an appeal can be had to the proper authority as provided by the local law. In our order there are no autocrats; the Lodge is superior to the Noble Grand, the Sovereign Grand Lodge is the superior of the Grand Sire. As a rule, the Subordinate Lodge has the jurisdiction to decide any question which can properly come before it. To prevent misunderstanding, let me say, that a subordinate has no right to decide any question in reference to the Work of the Order, written or unwritten. Digest 962, 963.

No. 63. My attention being called by the Grand Secretary to the fact that the Grand Lodge of California had resolved to purchase a copy of the Ritual for each of the District Deputies of that jurisdiction, I decided that it was contrary to the law of the order to furnish a copy of such Rituals

to those officers. Digest 1452 has been construed by former Grand Sires and Grand Secretary Ridgely to prohibit furnishing Rituals to District Deputy Grand Sires, and it applies with equal force to D. D. Grand Masters. Those officers have no use for the Rituals, as all of the forms used by them are printed in the institution and installation books, and the book of forms published by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

REBEKAH DECISIONS.

No. 1. No person not a member of a Rebekah Degree Lodge, except officers expressly authorized by law, can be allowed to be present at the conferring of the new Rebekah Work or the exemplification thereof.

No. 10. An unmarried sister of an Odd Fellow of another jurisdiction can acquire membership in a Rebekah Lodge in the jurisdiction in which she resides. An application signed by her and indorsed by her brother, the Odd Fellow, accompanied by a certificate from his Lodge of the fact of his membership, will authorize a Rebekah Lodge to elect her to membership. Of course, if the laws of the Lodge to which application is made require the recommendation of a member of that Lodge, that must be obtained also. This is a very liberal construction of the law, but seems to accord with the tendency of the times. The fact of relationship can be established in any way that may satisfy the Lodge.

No. 12. The widow of an Oddfellow who was not in good standing at the time of his death is not eligible, nor does the fact that she had a brother who was a member, who died during the life of her husband, make her eligible under the head of unmarried sister. A woman cannot be a sister of a dead man. Were the brother alive she would be eligible. Digest 335.

No. 14. A Rebekah Degree Lodge can confer the Degree of Rebekah on an Oddfellow in good standing without his becoming a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

HOMES, TEMPLES, ETC.

Under this heading the Grand Sire says: "For the purpose of obtaining information as to the Homes, Temples, Halls, etc., which had been erected or commenced during my administration, I issued a circular requesting information on the subject, but the responses have not been at all satisfactory, from the fact that less than half of the Jurisdictions have responded at all. In justice to those who have complied

with the request the substance of the replies is collated below:—

Here follow statements from twenty-two Jurisdictions; amongst them British Columbia says:

“Excelsior Lodge No. 7, at Chilliwack, own a cemetery lot which cost, with improvements, \$629. The value of assets throughout the Jurisdiction exceeds \$80,000. Victoria Lodge No. 1 has paid to four of its members about \$11,000 since 1875. New Westminster Lodge No. 3, at New Westminster, owns jointly with the Masons, each owning a half interest, a lot and building, the cost of which was, for the lot \$3,875; for the building \$17,500; total \$21,375. Black Diamond Lodge No. 5, Nanaimo, hall and improvements, \$500.”

In regard to the figures mentioned in connection with New Westminster Lodge No. 3, these should be doubled in each instance.

The Grand Sire, continuing, says: “Nothing conduces more to the healthy growth and permanent prosperity of a Lodge than ownership of a piece of real estate. When once a Lodge has acquired a home of its own, and of which it in consequence takes pride, there is an air of permanence about it which attracts to it outsiders, and it conveys the idea that the institution is of the stable kind. My advice, therefore, is to all Lodges—Buy land and build you a home.”

MAGNITUDE OF OUR ORDER.

Very few of us appreciate the importance and magnitude of the Order to which we belong. Take the two great Odd-fellow organizations, the Manchester Unity and the American Order together, and we find that there are more Oddfellows in the world by far than there are members of any other secret fraternal organization. The oldest and greatest of these, according to their own authority, and it is a truly noble institution, numbers—from the best estimates that can be made—1,082,992, while the Oddfellows number, according to the last actual returns accessible, as follows: Adult male Oddfellows belonging to the American Order, January 1st, 1888, Sovereign Grand Lodge, 555,722; Grand Lodge of Australasia, latest returns, 16,507; Grand Lodge of the German Empire, 1,833; total American Order, 574,062. Manchester Unity, 617,587; grand total, 1,191,649, or 108,657 more than the oldest and most numerous of the secret fraternal organizations. In addition to this we must not forget that there are

40,426 Daughters of Rebekah, who are engaged with us in striving to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity. This is truly a proud position to occupy, especially as the Order has been built up in the comparatively short period of about seventy years.

NEW LEGISLATION.

That the Jewel for the Financial Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be the same in size and form as the Jewel for the Secretary, without the word underneath it.

That permission is hereby given for holding a General Convention of the Daughters of Rebekah at the time and place of the next annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the several State and Grand Jurisdictions may choose, by convention or otherwise, lady Delegates not exceeding four from each State or Grand Jurisdiction to such General Convention.

That the Noble Grands of a Rebekah Lodge shall require the officers and members of the same to give the sign of the Degree, and they answer the same, prior to the Warden declaring the Lodge open.

Your committee to which was referred the resolution asking for a change in the Rebekah Degree Ritual (relative to emblems, see exhibit "A"), having carefully considered the same, beg leave to submit the following:—

We find that the proposed amendment will greatly improve the instructions of the Ritual, and we therefore recommend that the proposed amendment, marked exhibit "A," be made, and that the Grand Secretary be and is hereby authorized to have said amendment printed on a slip or leaf in size to correspond with the pages in the Rebekah Degree Ritual, and that the same be furnished to the Grand Secretaries of the various Jurisdictions and by them furnished to the Rebekah Degree Lodges free of charge.

That it shall be lawful for Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, whenever their regular meetings fall upon legally established or generally recognized holidays, to omit such session.

That hereafter the Degree of Rebekah shall only be conferred by Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah

That all laws requiring elective officers in Subordinate Lodges to have obtained the Degree of Rebekah are repealed.

That all Grand Lodges are directed to take such steps as will secure from Subordinate Lodges the Rituals of said Degree in their possession.

That a committee of five be appointed to consider the Sovereign Grand Lodge Representation, with instructions to formulate an amendment to the Constitution. Committee appointed Reps. Clark, of Wisconsin; Dilks, of New York; Grant, of Kentucky; Maguire, of California; Campbell, of Ontario.

That the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits be continued.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following petitions, plans and resolutions, praying the Sovereign Grand Lodge to establish or adopt some plan of insurance or endowment for the use of the Order, viz.: Plan for an Endowment Rank, submitted by Rep. Graham, from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana on page 11,239 of the Journal. Also a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, presented by Rep. Mack and entered on page 11,240 of the Journal, and a resolution from Rep. DeMars, of South Carolina, page 11,343, respectfully report that we have duly considered all of these propositions as a whole, and are of the opinion that however beneficial some equitable plan of endowment (if adopted by this Grand Body) might be to the order, the committee believe that so important a measure should not be too hastily drawn, as would necessarily be the case should the committee attempt to formulate a plan at this session, but on the contrary should be maturely considered during the recess; and whereas the special committee on Insurance Associations, appointed at the last session, have reported as printed in the Journal, page 11,337, recommending the appointment of a new committee, to whom all matters referring to insurance shall be referred to report their conclusions at the next session of this Grand Lodge; therefore be it resolved that the Committee on the State of the Order do endorse the recommendation to appoint said committee, and recommend the reference of all matter pertaining to the Insurance Feature presented at this session to them, and most respectfully suggest that parties having plans or other information relating to insurance, to submit the same to that committee for their consideration during the recess.

Special committee appointed on the above: Reps. Hedges, of Ohio; Stebbins, of New York; Orendorff, of Illinois; Blanks,

of Virginia; Jones, of Michigan; Wright, of Pennsylvania; Gifford, of Massachusetts.

That the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch and Scribe of a Subordinate Encampment, and the Noble Grand and Secretary of a Rebekah Degree Lodge during the recess of their respective bodies may issue visiting cards to members in good standing when application is made to them in writing.

The following amendment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution was effected:

Resolved, that Section 4, Article 1 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to read as follows:

With the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to the Sovereign Grand Lodge; such consent however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment all its effects, appeals from such decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom. All appeals to the Sovereign Grand Lodge shall be subject to such general regulations as it may adopt.

The following amendment to the By-Laws Sovereign Grand Lodge was passed:—

At sessions of Grand Bodies, in lieu of any regalia hereinbefore described, a ribbon may be worn of the color of the highest degree the member has attained, having attached thereto any jewel which he is entitled or required to wear.

The following proposed amendments to the Sovereign Grand Lodge Constitution were laid upon the table to be dealt with at next session:—

That Art. IX of the Constitution be amended by striking out the whole of Sec. 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows, viz.: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction

fifteen hundred or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over fifteen hundred members in good standing, two Grand Representatives; and no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than two Grand Representatives.

That Sec. 2, Art. XVI, of the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males, of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of eighteen years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however that when the applicant is not of lawful age, he shall first secure and present in writing, with his petition for membership, the consent of his father or legal guardian; and provided, further, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation.

That Sec. 2, Art. XVI, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Art. XVI, Sec. 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good, moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; provided, however, that in Australia, New Zealand and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation; provided further, however, that a person who sells intoxicating liquors at retail for the purpose of livelihood, shall not be entitled to admission to the order.

That the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to employ, at a price to be determined by them, a competent member of the Order to prepare a complete Digest of the existing laws of the Order, to and including the session of 1888, and that when compiled, the work shall be printed and bound in electrotypes plates made, and as many copies be issued as the Committee may deem necessary.

That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to prepare and report, either at this or the next session of this Grand Body, a proper form for public installation of Subordinate Encampment officers.

Resolved, That members of the Order in good standing and who for twenty-five years or more have been such, shall be entitled to wear a jewel to be designated the "Veteran Jewel, I. O. O. F." Resolved, further, that the Committee on Printing Supplies, together with the Grand Sire, are authorized and directed to prepare a suitable design for such jewel, and whenever in their judgment it shall be expedient to procure and furnish the same to such persons as are entitled thereto, and at such price as they shall fix, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer as upon sales of other supplies.

That the date of the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey, as fixed by resolution authorizing Memorial Service Day, be and the same is hereby corrected, and that the 19th day of October be observed by the Order as the day upon which such memorial services may be held.

That balloting for the Degrees in the Subordinate Encampment must always be in the Royal Purple Degree.

That when a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch suspends a Subordinate Body, of which he is a member, or withdraws its Charter, such suspension or withdrawal of Charter shall not affect his rank or standing in the Order during the remainder of his term of office, and for the period of thirty days after the close of said term.

That at the burial of a deceased Brother the accompanying ode may be sung while the grave is being filled; see Ode, p. 11,389, Journal.

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Kines, of Quebec, asking for appropriate legislation creating and instituting a Juvenile Order of Oddfellows, beg leave to report that in their judgment such Juvenile order would not be to the interests of the Order, and for that reason they recommend that the legislation asked for be not enacted, and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Adopted.

The amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as passed at last session, was approved.

The Charter of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina has been reclaimed.

Reports were received upon the State of the Order in Australia, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Mexico, Peru, Chili, Cuba and the Sandwich Islands, and shewed generally a satisfactory progress.

The Patriarchs' Militant movement has continued to advance steadily throughout the great number of departments in the United States and Canada, and the enthusiasm of the military element in the Order continues unabated; in testimony of the truth of this statement attention is called to the fact that the 462 Cantons reported last year have been increased by the addition of 53 new bodies, through growth or as original organizations, and decreased by the loss of four Components, leaving thereby a net gain of 49 Component Cantons, and making a grand total of 511 Cantons to date. There is a total membership of 17,482 Chevaliers, estimated on the basis of 495 Cantons under warrant on April 26th, 1888, (three-fourths reporting, and one-fourth taken from the reports of 1887), added to the warrant membership of 16 Cantons organized since that date, being an increase of 2,223 Chevaliers over the membership reported on Sept. 1st, 1887. By making proper allowance for increases not reported at the anniversary muster, and for the growth of the whole since April 26th last, the membership can be safely estimated in round numbers at 20,000 Chevaliers on Sept. 1st, 1888, which, with few exceptions, are fully officered and uniformed.

A system of Lodge book-keeping, by Bro. M. Posz, was presented to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for their consideration and by them endorsed and recommended to the Order at large. A copy of this system is herewith annexed.

A History and Manual of Odd Fellowship has been published by Bro. Theo. A. Ross, Grand Secretary. A committee appointed to report upon the work thus recommends: "We find in the book little to criticise, much to commend. We therefore recommend that the book be most cordially endorsed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as invaluable to every member of the Order." A copy of this work was presented to each of the officers and Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

The following officers were elected to serve for two years:—

J. C. Underwood.....	Grand Sire.
C. M. Busbee.....	Deputy Grand Sire.
Theo. A. Ross.....	Grand Secretary.
Isaac A. Sheppard.....	Grand Treasurer.
Allen Jencks.....	Asst. Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. W. Venable.....	Grand Chaplain.
J. H. Albin.....	Grand Marshal.
C. C. Pearce.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. Frazier.....	Grand Messenger.

The next session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be held at Columbus, Ohio.

As will be seen in the Journal the great question of admitting members at eighteen years of age was again defeated by a small majority, the vote standing 101 for the change and 51 against. It requires a majority of three-fourths of the members present to change the Constitution, but great hopes are entertained that at the next session this change will be made.

The foregoing is a brief summary of the proceedings of the last session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Your Representative takes this opportunity of again thanking you for the honor you conferred upon him by electing him to the high station which he has endeavored to fill with credit to the Jurisdiction. Hoping his next report will be more interesting to you, for at that time he will be more accustomed to the work of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and better able to fill the position, he wishes to say that everywhere he was received with the greatest kindness, the Grand Sire and many of the Representatives stating that they were glad to see British Columbia at last amongst them.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WM. McCOLL,
Grand Representative.

Report read from Committee on Distribution on Grand Secretary's report :

VICTORIA, Feb. 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Distributing Committee, to whom the Grand Secretary's report was referred, beg leave to suggest that the matters contained in pages 1 to 4 and the abstracts from reports of Subordinate Lodges be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

Pages 5 to 12, except that portion referring to Lodge expenditures on page 11, to the Finance Committee.

The item relating to P. G. Bro. McNeil's son, page 12, to the Judiciary Committee.

The matter appertaining to Lodge expenditure, on page 11, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The notice of appeal from Bro. T. S. Bone, page 13, to the Committee on Appeals.

WM. MCCOLL,
ROBT. MCINTOSH,
J. HOLLAND,
Committee on Distribution.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

The Grand Master entered the Grand Lodge and resumed his station.

Report read from Committee on Appeals:

VICTORIA, Feb. 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. I. O. O. F.:

We, your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of T. S. Bone against Columbia Lodge No. 2, for illegal expulsion, beg to report that we find that the appellant has not complied with Form 7, Section 4, of the Code of Procedure, Article IV of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by not furnishing the Lodge with the grounds upon which the appeal rests; further, that the records do not contain the date when the Lodge took action against the appellant. On account of these irregularities your Committee cannot entertain the appeal, but in order that no injustice be done either the appellant or respondent, we recommend that the case be referred back with instructions to correct the omissions and the matter be dealt with at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

W. WALKER,
B. W. SHILES,
T. C. GRAY,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
FRED'K CARNE,
Committee on Appeals.

Bro. J. E. McMillan, P. G., Attorney for the Appellant, T. S. Bone, requested permission to address the Grand Lodge, which was granted. After hearing Bro. McMillan, P. G., it was on motion

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the appellant and respondent of the action of this Grand Lodge, in order that the informality may be rectified.

Report read from Committee on Correspondence :

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Correspondence beg to report that we have carefully considered the same.

We heartily concur in the views expressed by Grand Master Davies respecting expenditure for mere display, Encampment and Cantons, and the reception of candidates at the age of eighteen years, and we commend these matters to the serious attention of members.

We approve of the action of the Grand Master in inviting the Grand Sire and officers of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to visit this Province, and regret that the same could not be accepted.

The Report of Correspondence submitted by the Grand Master clearly shows the signal ability, zeal and devotion which he has brought to bear on the affairs of the Order.

Yours fraternally,

WM. McCOLL,
ROBT. McINTOSH,
SIBREE CLARKE,

Committee on Correspondence.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned beg to report that they have examined the amendments to Articles XV and XVIII of the By-Laws of

New Westminster Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F., and approve the same.

H. WALLER,
W. E. HOLMES,
WM. EDMUNDS,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned beg to report that they have examined the amendments to Articles XV, XVII and XX of the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., and approve the same.

H. WALLER,
JOHN B. HENDERSON,
WILLIAM EDMUNDS,
WM. E. HOLMES,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., June 12th, 1888.

F. DAVEY, Esq., Grand Secretary :

The undersigned, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 7, I. O. O. F., for approval, beg to report that we find the following errors not only in the By-Laws, but in the Constitution also, viz.:

In Art. V, Sec. 1, of the Constitution, the Lodge can only confer one degree at one time on the same Brother. See Proceedings 1888, p. 638.

Form 7, in Code of Procedure, is the same as Form 8, and should be as follows :—

FORM 7.

Notice of Appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

To..... 18..
 Lodge No. I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he appeals to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia from the action of the Lodge in the matter of charge and specifications preferred by against

..... This appeal is taken on the grounds (here state the grounds of appeal.)

Fraternally,

(Signed),

The amendments to Art. XX, Sec. 1 and 4, of the By-Laws, were quite necessary, and are therefore approved.

The last paragraph of Art. XX, Sec. 1, should be amended to harmonize with the last paragraph of Article IV, Sec. 2, of the Constitution.

The By-Laws, Order of Business and Rules of Order should have the date they were adopted and attested by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary.

We beg to report, also, on the amendments to Art. XVIII, Sec. 1, of the By-Laws of Dominion Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., which we approve, but Sec. 2 of the same Article must be struck out.

We would call the attention of the Lodge to the many errors in their By-Laws and Constitution.

Art. I of the Constitution should have Sec. 2. See Proceedings 1886, p. 428.

Art. III Sec. 1, should be amended. See Proceedings 1886, p. 472.

Art. V, Sec. 1, can only confer one degree at one time on the same Brother. See Proceedings 1888, p. 638.

Art. VI, Sec. 10, the Noble Grand cannot appoint the Committee on Charges. See Code of Procedure on Trials, Sec. 1, Rule 3. This same error occurs in Art. 3 of the By-Laws.

Art. V of the By-Laws, the letters V. G. should be N. G.

Art. XVI, Sec. 1, is in conflict with the Digest, Sec. 740.

Art. XVII, Sec. 1, same error as Art. III of the Constitution.

The last paragraph of Art. XX, Sec. 1, should be amended to harmonize with the last paragraph of Art. IV, Sec. 2, of the Constitution.

Art. XXIV, Sec. 5, is in conflict with Art. XIII, Sec. 2, of the Constitution.

We also approve the amendments to Art. XVI, Sec. 1, and Art. XX, Sec. 4, of the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge No. 6.

Submitted in F., L. and T.,

H. WALLER,
P. A. BABINGTON,
CHAS. HAYWARD,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 19, 1888.

We, the undersigned, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Colfax Rebekah Degree Lodge, beg to report that we have carefully examined them and approve the same.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

H. WALLER,
P. A. BABINGTON,
CHAS. HAYWARD,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates :

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 12, 1888.

DAVEY, Esq., Grand Secretary,

Dear Sir and Brother :—The undersigned to whom was referred the amendments to Clauses 37 and 45 and the re-binding of Clauses 50 to 54 of the By-Laws of Vancouver Lodge No. 8, I. O. O. F., beg to report that we approve the same, and think the amendment to Clause 37 is a very wise one.

Fraternally yours,

H. WALLER,
CHAS. HAYWARD,
P. A. BABINGTON,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Legislation :

VICTORIA, July 20, 1888.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Dear Sirs and Brothers:—Your Committee on Legislation, to whom at the last session of the Grand Lodge was assigned the duty of preparing a constitution for Rebekah Degree Lodges, report the enclosed constitution, with alterations necessary, made to comply with the laws of our Grand Lodge, for your approval and adoption.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
Chairman.

[For adopted Constitution for Rebekah Degree Lodges see Addendum.]

Moved, seconded and carried, that the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Committee on Legislation:

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Legislation beg to recommend that Art. II, Sec. 3, of Grand Lodge Constitution, be made to read as follows: "Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one Representative for its Charter and one for each twenty-five members."

Respectfully submitted,

A. HENDERSON,
F. CARNE,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
W. H. MORTON,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
Committee on Legislation

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice of motion:—

I hereby give notice that I will move to-morrow that Sec. 3 of Art. II, of this Grand Lodge Constitution be amended as follows: Strike out the word "fifteen" where it occurs in lines 3 and 4, and substitute the word "thirty" in lieu thereof; also strike out the word "ten" in line 5, and insert "twenty-five" in place thereof, so as to make the paragraph read as follows: "Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one Representative for its members of thirty or under, also one Representative for every thirty members over and above said first number of thirty, and one for a fraction exceeding twenty-five members in good standing."

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, gave the following notices of motion:—

"I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge: Art. II, Sec. 1, strike out the word 'February' and insert the word 'May' in the second line."

"I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge: Art. II, Sec. 3, strike out from the word 'one,' in the second line, to word 'standing,' in the fifth line, and insert 'one Representative for every 25 members in good standing.'"

The Grand Secretary gave the following notice of motion:—

I hereby give notice that I will move the following amendment to the Rules of the Auxiliary Endowment Benevolent Association of this Grand Lodge to-morrow:

Page 7, Article on Fees, Dues and Assessments, line 3—after the word "Dollar" add "and fifty cents."

Add another paragraph to Article on Management, on page 5, as follows: "The Executive Committee shall be empowered to appoint such agents in the different Lodges in this Jurisdiction as they may deem advisable, who shall be

" authorized to receive applications for membership and col-
 " lect the assessments and dues from members of this Associa-
 " tion and transmit the same to the Grand Secretary, and as
 " remuneration for the performance of these duties shall re-
 " ceive \$1 for each accepted new member and 5 per cent. for
 " the collection of assessments and dues from all but new
 " members, also shall be empowered to deduct the cost of re-
 " mitting such moneys to the Grand Secretary."

Report read from Committee on Laws of Subordinates:

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master's and Grand Secretary's reports relating to insufficiency of time at their disposal to prepare these documents, beg to report that in the opinion of this Committee it would be advisable for this Grand Lodge to meet at a later season of the year in order to afford Lodges longer time in which to submit their returns to this Grand Body.

H. WALLER,
 WM. E. HOLMES,
 WILLIAM EDMUNDS,
 JOHN H. MELDRAM,
 JNO. B. HENDERSON,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report received and laid on the table.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That a committee appointed to enquire into the complaint of the Grand Master respecting the action of Black Diamond Lodge No. 5 in conferring the Degrees on a member of that Lodge contrary to his orders, and report to this Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed the following committee: Rep. Henderson, No. 7, Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, Rep. Holmes, No. 10, and Rep. Bamford, No. 4.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge adjourn to 8:30 p. m.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment at 8:45 o'clock.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
E. S. Scoullar.....	Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
G. H. Maynard.....	Grand Treasurer.
W. McColl, P.G.M.....	Grand Representative.
W. H. Flewin.....	Grand Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	Grand Guardian.
J. Pope.....	Grand Conductor.
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald.
F. Carne, P.G.M.....	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal having examined all present reported them duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following Past Grands on whom the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred: W. Craft, No. 2, F. T. Sherborne and L. H. Cousins, No. 4.

The hour fixed by law for the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year having arrived, the following nominations were made :—

FOR GRAND MASTER.

J. H. Meldram, No. 2.....	Nominated by J. Pope, No. 2
R. Scott, No. 6.....	Nominated by R. H. Baker, No. 3

FOR DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

W. Walker, No. 4.....	Nominated by F. Norris, No. 2
R. McIntosh, No. 1.....	Nominated by W. H. Flewin, No. 1
E. S. Scoullar, No. 3.....	Nominated by J. Crossan, No. 5

FOR GRAND WARDEN.

W. Edmunds, No. 9.....	Nominated by D. Dale, No. 1
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FOR GRAND SECRETARY.

F. Davey, No. 1.....Nominated by T. R. Mitchell, No. 1

FOR GRAND TREASURER.

G. H. Maynard, No. 2.....Nominated by F. Davey, No. 1

J. E. Phillips, No. 4.....Nominated by J. Holland, No. 4

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Holmes, No. 1. and Rep. Clarke, No. 9, to act as Tellers.

The ballot was spread for the election of Grand Master and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast.....	54
J. H. Meldram, No. 2.....	received 31 votes
R. Scott, No. 6.....	“ 23 “

J. H. Meldram was accordingly declared duly elected as Grand Master.

The ballot was then spread for the election of Deputy Grand Master and the following result announced :

No. of votes cast.....	55
W. Walker, No. 4.....	received 30 votes
R. McIntosh, No. 1.....	“ 8 “
E. S. Scoullar, No. 3.....	“ 17 “

W. Walker, No. 4, was accordingly declared duly elected as Deputy Grand Master.

W. Edmunds, No. 9, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary was, on motion, instructed to cast the ballot for his election, which was complied with, and Bro. Edmunds declared duly elected as Grand Warden.

F. Davey, No. 1, being the only nominee for the office of Grand Secretary, it was moved, seconded and carried, That the Grand Treasurer cast the ballot for the election of Bro. Davey, which was done, and that Brother declared duly elected as Grand Secretary.

The ballot for the election of Grand Treasurer was spread and the following result was announced :

No. of votes cast.....54
 G. H. Maynard, No. 2.....received 15 votes
 J. E. Phillips, No. 4.....“ 39 “

J. E. Phillips, No. 4, was accordingly declared duly elected as Grand Treasurer.

Representative McLennan, No. 2, stated that he was authorized by Bro. Jones, Photographer, Douglas street, to request that the Past Grands in attendance would favor him with a sitting, so that he could prepare and present to the Grand Lodge a group picture of its members. It was moved, seconded and carried, That the offer of Bro. Jones to photograph the members of this Grand Lodge be accepted with thanks.

It was moved by Rep. T. C. Gray, No. 8, and seconded by Rep. McLennan, No. 2, That the next meeting of this Grand Lodge be held at Vancouver.

Moved by Rep. Mitchell, No. 1, and seconded by Rep. Dale, No. 1, That the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be held at Wellington.

Resolved, That the question of the place of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge be decided by ballot.

Rep. Holmes, No. 1, and Rep. Clarke, No. 9, acting as Tellers, the ballot was spread with the following result: No. of votes cast, 50. For Vancouver, 32; for Wellington, 18. The Chair announced that the next session of this Grand Lodge would be held at Vancouver.

Report read from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates:—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Laws of Subordinates, to whom was referred the matter of "Illegal Expenditure of Funds," and "Special Entertainment Fund," beg to report as follows:

We recommend that Subordinates be allowed to create a special fund to be called a "Contingent Fund for Special Purposes for the Good of the Order," such as entertainments,

celebrations, or relief in special cases, at the discretion of each Lodge. Such fund to be formed by a certain percentage of the quarterly dues, not to exceed 10 per cent., where the proportion between dues levied and benefits paid will permit. Where this is not the case, that subordinates be allowed to levy a per capita tax not to exceed one dollar per year.

H. WALLER,
JNO. B. HENDERSON,
JOHN H. MELDRAM,
WILLIAM EDMUNDS,
W. E. HOLMES,

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the consideration of this report be postponed till to-morrow.

Report read from Committee on Legislation :—

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Legislation beg to recommend that a Standing Judiciary Committee, to whom all decisions on law points shall be submitted, be added to the list of committees, in Art. VI, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
A. HENDERSON,
W. H. MORTON,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
FRED'K CARNE,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
Committee on Legislation.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Rep. Henderson, No. 2, gave the following notice of motion :—

VICTORIA, Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia :

I hereby give notice that to-morrow I will move the following resolution : " That a Standing Judiciary Committee consisting of five members to whom all decisions on points of law shall be submitted, be added to the list of committees in Art. VI, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

A. HENDERSON.

Report read from the Committee on Legislation :—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 13, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred a portion of the Grand Secretary's report at the last session of this Grand Lodge, beg to report as follows :

That the section mentioned by the Grand Secretary as being omitted from the Grand Lodge Constitution at its last reprint, viz., Sec. 4 of Art. 8, be inserted, and the rest of the recommendations referred to us by last year's committee be laid over until a reprint of the Grand Lodge Constitution is necessary.

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
A. HENDERSON,
W. H. MORTON,
J. E. PHILLIPS,
P. W. DEMPSTER,
Committee on Legislation.

Resolved, That the report be received and adopted;

Moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL,

VICTORIA, B. C. Feb. 14, 1889.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 10:40 a. m., on the above date, pursuant to adjournment.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
W. McColl, P.G.M.....	Grand Representative.
J. E. Phillips (No. 4).....	Acting Grand Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald.
F. Carne, P.G.M.....	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal examined all present and reported them duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business

The Minutes of the preceding day's session were read and, on motion, adopted as read.

Rep. McIntosh, No. 1, explained that his name had been put in nomination for the Chair of Deputy Grand Master last evening without his consent and much to his regret.

Rep. Henderson, No. 2, moved the resolution of which notice was given yesterday, to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution by the addition of a Committee on Judiciary to the Standing Committees; Art. VI, Sec. 2; seconded by Rep. Holmes, No. 1, and carried.

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, moved the resolution standing in his name, to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution by altering the date of meeting of the Grand Lodge from the month of February to the month of May; seconded by Rep. Henderson, No. 7. On being submitted to the vote, 15 voted in the affirmative and 14 against. The resolution not having the support of two-thirds of the Representatives present, was declared lost.

Grand Secretary Davey moved the resolution standing in his name, to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution respecting representation; seconded by Rep. McIntosh, No. 1. The vote being taken, 12 voted for and 16 against. The resolution was accordingly declared lost.

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, moved the amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution of which notice was given yesterday, reducing the number of Representatives; seconded by Rep. Baker, No. 3.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the further consideration of this question be deferred.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge convened at 3:20 p. m.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
W. McColl, P.G.M.....	Grand Representative.
J. E. Phillips (No. 4).....	Acting Grand Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable.....	Grand Herald.
F. Carne, P.G.M.....	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal, after examination, reported all present duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced Past Grands Bishop and Ralph, of Dominion Lodge No. 4, and the Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on them.

The Representatives of Vancouver Lodge No. 8 submitted the following :—

February 14, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

The Representatives of Vancouver Lodge No. 8, by authority of their Lodge, respectfully request that it may be allowed to set aside one dollar per year from each member's dues to form a management or contingent fund for such objects as may be for the good of the Order, it being shown that their dues exceed the proportionate amount fixed by your Grand Lodge in relation to benefits to be paid, and in conformity with the opinion expressed by Grand Sire Underwood; see paragraphs 3 and 4, page 35, Grand Master's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. B. HENDERSON,
T. C. GRAY,
Representatives Vancouver Lodge No. 8.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the proper method for Vancouver Lodge to deal with this question is by an amendment to its By-Laws.

Report read from Special Committee on complaint made by the Grand Master against Black Diamond Lodge No. 5 :—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 14, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. ;

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the complaint made against Black Diamond Lodge No. 5, in the Grand Master's report, have carefully examined the correspondence on the subject and find that, on account of Black Diamond Lodge having failed to explain satisfactorily the matter under discussion, no other course was open to the Grand Master but to report as he has done.

A doubt is raised in the minds of your committee as to whether the rights of Harmony Lodge No. 6 have not been infringed and the commands of the Grand Master disregarded, but as Harmony Lodge desires that the matter may be dropped, and with a view of allaying any further irritation, your committee recommend that this course be adopted.

We wish, however, to express our opinion that the Secretary should have been more careful in replying to communications from the Grand Master ; further, that Lodges should closely adhere to the law respecting the admission to membership of any person who is not strictly a resident of their district. We trust that in future the only rivalry arising between Lodges will be in the amount of good that each can perform.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HOLMES,
WM. EDMUNDS,
JNO. B. HENDERSON,
JNO. C. HENDERSON,
Committee.

It was on motion resolved, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Judiciary Committee :—

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's report in reference to the case of the son of the late Bro. Jno. McNeil, beg leave to report that in their opinion, the Trustees of Harmony Lodge are the proper parties to look after the orphans belonging to their own Lodge, and not the officers of this Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the sum of \$71, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, be refunded to Harmony Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

THOS. R. MITCHELL,
B. W. SHILES,
Committee on Judiciary.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be received and adopted.

Report read from Judiciary Committee :—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 14, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

Your Committee to whom was referred the decisions contained in the Grand Master's report beg leave to report that they entirely agree with the same and recommend their adoption.

THOS. R. MITCHELL,
B. W. SHILES,
Committee on Judiciary.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 14th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom certain portions of the Grand Secretary's report was referred, beg to report as follows : That your Grand Secretary deserves to be highly complimented on the able and efficient manner in which he has performed the duties of his

office. We also congratulate the Order generally throughout the Province on its present satisfactory condition, and hope that it will continue to go on in the good work.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

B. W. SHILES,

F. CARNE,

J. HOLLAND,

Committee on State of the Order.

Resolved, That the report be adopted as read.

Report read from Committee on State of the Order :—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 14th, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F. :

We, your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the Grand Master's report, beg to report as follows: We approve of that portion of the Grand Master's report from "Visitation" on page 14 to "Complaint" on page 17. That portion from "Standing" on page 18 to portion of page 20, referring to "Dues and Benefits," we recommend for the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge, pending the decision of the Representatives of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, who have the same under their consideration.

The Grand Master deserves credit for the trouble he has taken in obtaining statistics from so many sources. Your Committee congratulates this Grand Body and the Order generally on the progress made by the Order both numerically and financially. We would recommend that the Secretaries of the different Lodges be impressed with the necessity of sending in returns as early in the beginning of the term as possible.

We approve of the action of Excelsior Lodge No. 7, referred to in that portion of the Grand Master's report as "Noteworthy," and would suggest that the other Lodges in the Province take an example therefrom.

B. W. SHILES,

F. CARNE,

J. HOLLAND,

Committee on State of the Order.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

The Grand Master presented a communication addressed to him by Manitoba Lodge No. 1, requesting permission to circulate a petition in this Jurisdiction asking for assistance to liquidate the debt on their hall, which was read, and on motion it was resolved, That the request be granted.

Rep. J. C. Henderson, No. 7, gave the following notice of motion :—

I hereby give notice that I will to-morrow move the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge: Strike out the words "Second Wednesday in February," in line 2 of Sec. 1, Art. II, and insert in place thereof "Third Wednesday in April."

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, gave the following notice of motion :—

I hereby give notice that I will move the following amendment to Section 3 of Article II of the Grand Lodge Constitution: Strike out the word "fifteen" where it occurs in lines 3 and 4, and insert the words "twenty-five" in lieu thereof; and also strike out the words "and one for every fraction exceeding ten," in lines 4 and 5, so as to make the paragraph read as follows: "Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one Representative for its members of twenty-five or under, also one Representative for every twenty-five members over and above said first number of twenty-five members in good standing."

The Grand Secretary moved the amendment to the rules of the Endowment Benefit Association of this Grand Lodge, of which notice was given yesterday, which was seconded by Rep. Scott, No. 6, and carried unanimously.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the installation of the officers of this Grand Lodge take place to-morrow evening, the Lodge being opened in the Third Degree.



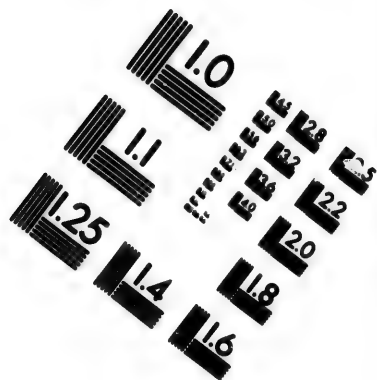
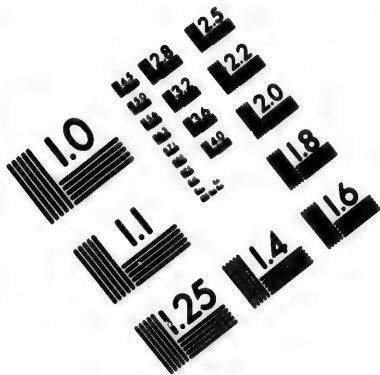
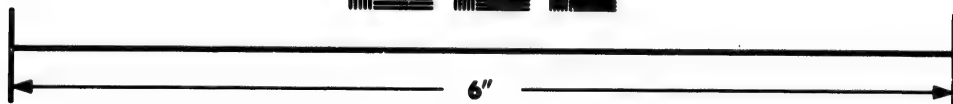
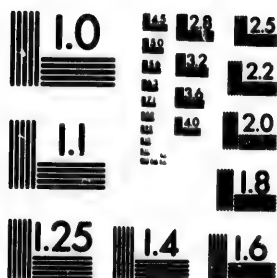


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Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., No. 3, gave the following notice of motion to amend the Constitution of this Grand Lodge :—

Add to Clause 2 of Sec. 3, Art. II: "Each Lodge shall
" at the same time elect one Alternate for each Representa-
" tive elected, and in case a Representative shall be unable to
" attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the Alternate
" receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his
" place and have all the powers and privileges of a Represen-
" tative."

The report of the Committee on Laws of Subordinates recommending that Lodges be allowed to create a special fund for entertainments, etc., the consideration of which was deferred yesterday until to-day, was taken from the table.

It was moved and seconded, That the report be received and adopted.

Moved as an amendment, That the words "a certain per-
" centage of the quarterly dues not to exceed 10 per cent.
" where the proportion between dues levied and benefits paid
" will permit. Where this is not the case that" be struck out.

Moved as an amendment to the amendment, That the matter be deferred one year and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The question being on the amendment to the amendment, it was declared to be lost.

The amendment was then put and declared to be carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as amended.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the Grand Master's report be reconsidered.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report be amended by the addition to the first paragraph of the words—
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to the word "honor," be not printed in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by the addition of the words "which shall in no case be less than twelve dollars per year," after the word "by-law," in the sixth line of Sec. 1, Art. IV.

It was on motion resolved, That this Grand Lodge pay an official visit to Dominion Lodge No. 4, this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn to 4 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

ODDFELLOWS' HALL, VICTORIA, B. C.,
February 15, 1889.

The Grand Lodge assembled at 4:30 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present :—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
F. Carne, P. G. M.....	Acting Grand Warden.
F. Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
J. E. Phillips (No. 4).....	Acting Grand Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	Grand Guardian.
W. H. Huxtable.....	" Herald.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal, after due examination, reported all present qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge open for business.

The minutes of preceding day's session were read and, on motion, confirmed.

Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, moved the resolution standing in his name to amend the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, reducing the number of Representatives to one for each twenty-five members in the Subordinate Lodge, which was seconded by Rep. J. B. Henderson, No. 8, and carried.

Rep. Henderson, No. 7, moved the resolution of which notice was given yesterday, to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution as to the time of meeting of the Grand Lodge, seconded by Rep. Edmunds, No. 9, which was not agreed to; 15 voting for and 14 against the motion.

Rep. Shiles, P. G. M., No. 3, moved to amend the Grand Lodge Constitution, providing for the election of Alternate Representatives, seconded by Rep. Carne, P. G. M., No. 1, and carried.

Report read from the Committee on Finance:—

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 15, 1889.

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.:

Your Finance Committee beg to report that they have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct and well kept, and as the Secretary has considerable work, we recommend an increase of his salary from \$180 to \$225 per annum.

We would recommend that the bill of Mr. Munroe Miller for extra printing, \$63, be paid.

We would suggest that the per capita tax of Subordinate Lodges be \$1 for the ensuing year; seventy-five cents payable June 30, and twenty-five cents on December 31.

Estimate of revenue and expenditure for the ensuing year:

REVENUE.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands, less the McNeil fund....	\$ 331 94
Per Capita tax, 890 members at \$1 each.....	890 00
Due from Black Diamond Lodge.....	28 50
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EXPENDITURE.

Printing.....	\$	280	00
Grand Secretary's salary.....		225	00
Grand Secretary's office.....		100	00
Sovereign Grand Lodge tax.....		75	00
Cupboard, re-vote.....		20	00
Postage.....		15	00
Herald.....		10	00
Janitor.....		10	00
Due the Sovereign Grand Lodge.....		8	00
Due the Tatnai Lodge.....		12	00
—Mileage.—			
2 Rep. from Kamloops, @ \$40.....		80	00
5 " New Westm'r, 15.....		75	00
5 " Nanaimo, 10.....		50	00
3 " Vancouver, 14.....		42	00
4 " Wellington, 10.....		40	00
1 " Chilliwack, 18.....		18	00
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Leaving a balance of receipts over expenditure..... \$ 190 44

Fraternally submitted,

H. WALLER,
WM. MCCOLL,
T. C. GRAY,
Committee on Finance.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the report be adopted as read.

Moved by Rep. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2, and seconded by Rep. Walker, No. 4, That the Printing Committee call for tenders for printing the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master having explained that he had made arrangements for this work in connection with the printing of his report,

It was moved as an amendment by Rep. Henderson, No. 2, and seconded by Rep. McIntosh, No. 1, That the motion be amended by inserting between the words "the" and "Printing" the words "action of the Grand Master in making

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"arrangements for the printing of the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge be endorsed, but that in future the—"

The question being the adoption of the amendment, it was carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Printing Committee be empowered to get the Grand Officers' reports printed prior to the meeting of the Grand Lodge if they consider it advisable.

It was on motion resolved, That the Grand Lodge adjourn to 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

The Grand Lodge met at 8 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—

J. Davies.....	Grand Master.
R. Scott.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Fred'k Davey.....	Grand Secretary.
G. H. Maynard.....	" Treasurer.
W. H. Flewin.....	" Marshal.
T. C. Gray.....	" Guardian.
J. Pope.....	" Conductor.
W. H. Huxtable.....	" Herald.
F. Carne, P. G. M.....	" Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported a quorum present.

The Grand Marshal reported all present duly qualified.

The Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened for business.

It was on motion resolved, That the name be inserted in that portion of the Grand Master's report wherein reference is made to a Past Grand of Black Diamond Lodge No. 5.

who had failed to qualify, in order to be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree and a seat in this Grand Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the three Lodges in this city for the use of the hall, etc., during this session.

It was on motion resolved, That the Grand Lodge be now closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and reopened in the Third Degree, for the purpose of installing the officers elect.

The Grand Lodge was accordingly closed in the Grand Lodge Degree and opened in the Third Degree.

After the admission of all qualified members in attendance, the chair appointed Rep. Waller, P.G.M., and Rep. Shiles, P.G.M., to present the Grand Master elect for installation. Bro. J. H. Meldram, No. 2, was presented, obligated and duly installed as Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. W. Walker, No. 4, was also duly installed as Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Wm. Edmunds, No. 9, was installed as Grand Warden.

Bro. F. Davey, No. 1, was installed as Grand Secretary.

Bro. J. E. Phillips, No. 4, was installed as Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments:—

Bro. J. E. Phillips, No. 3, to be Grand Marshal; Bro. J. Crossan, No. 5, Grand Guardian; Bro. J. C. Henderson, No. 7, Grand Conductor; Bro. W. H. Huxtable, No. 1, Grand Herald; Bro. W. E. Holmes, No. 1, Grand Chaplain; and these officers were duly installed in their respective chairs.

The Grand Master made the following appointments to form the Standing Committees:—

FINANCE.—W. McColl, P.G.M., No. 3; W. E. Holmes, No. 1; H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2; A. McCorvie, No. 3; G. Williams, No. 6.

APPEALS.—H. Waller, P.G.M., No. 2; B. W. Shiles, P.G.M., No. 3; J. C. Henderson, No. 7; J. Holland, No. 4; J. B. Henderson, No. 8.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.—F. Carne, P.G.M., No. 1; P. W. Dempster, No. 2; R. McIntosh, No. 1; A. Clarkson, No. 6; G. Loney, No. 9.

STATE OF THE ORDER.—J. Wriglesworth, P.G.M., No. 4; S. Clarke, No. 9; W. Vivian, No. 8; E. S. Scoullar, No. 3; R. Scott, No. 6.

PETITIONS.—G. H. Maynard, No. 2; A. G. McCandless, No. 4; W. H. Morton, No. 5; D. Dale, No. 1.

LEGISLATION.—J. Davies, P.G.M., No. 1; J. Hoskins, No. 6; W. Templeman, No. 1; A. Henderson, No. 2; T. Bamford, No. 4.

JUDICIARY.—W. D. McKillican, P.G.M., No. 4; T. R. Mitchell, No. 1; R. W. Fawcett, No. 2; R. Campbell, No. 7; J. A. Thompson, No. 6.

ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATIONS.—J. Pope, No. 2; G. Williams, No. 1; L. Cousins, No. 4; R. Kilpatrick, No. 6; A. McCorvie, No. 3; W. Edmunds, No. 9; W. Beavis, No. 8; J. C. Henderson, No. 7; G. Ramsay, No. 5.

PRINTING.—Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, G. H. Maynard, No. 2.

Also the following as District Deputy Grand Masters:

- T. J. Partridge, No. 1, for District No. 1.
- R. H. Baker, No. 3, for District No. 2.
- A. McGregor, No. 5, for District No. 3.
- B. Shearing, No. 6, for District No. 4.
- J. McCutocheon, No. 7, for District No. 5.
- T. C. Gray, No. 8, for District No. 6.
- S. Clarke, No. 9, for District No. 7.

Also Sister A. Young, P.N.G., of Colfax Lodge No. 1, for District No. 1, Degree of Rebekah Lodges.

The Grand Master also appointed W. McColl, P.G.M., No. 3, and W. H. Flewin, No. 1, Grand Instructors.

Bro. R. McIntosh, P.G., No. 1, by permission of the Grand Master, requested Bro. B. W. Shiles, P.G.M., No. 3, and Bro. R. Scott, P.G., No. 6, to present the retiring Grand Master in front of the Chair, when Bro. Davies, P.G.M., was



presented with a handsome Past Grand Master's Jewel, which he acknowledged in suitable terms.

All brothers not qualified having retired the Grand Lodge was closed in the Third Degree and reopened in the Grand Lodge Degree.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the appointments of the Grand Master be confirmed.

Moved, seconded and carried, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the retiring officers for their efficient services during the past year.

The minutes of this day's session having been read, it was on motion resolved, That the minutes as read be adopted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That this Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned.

FRED'K DAVEY,
Grand Secretary.



ABSTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending June 30th, 1888.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	INITIATED.	ADMITTED BY CARD.	WITHDRAWN.	EXPELLED.	DECEASED.	(REAR) MEMBERSHIP BY N. P. D.	REBORN.	REJECTED.	DEGREES CONFERRED.	NO. OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING.	REVENUE.
Victoria, No. 1	Victoria	Monday	5	1			2	4			11	177	\$ 2,043 41
Columbia, No. 2	Victoria	Wednesday	16	2	1			4	1	2	32	144	1,537 00
New Westminster, No. 3	New Westminster	Thursday	4	1	2		1			1	14	78	680 00
Dominion, No. 4	Victoria	Thursday	2	1				3			6	77	538 33
Black Diamond, No. 5	Nanaimo	Wednesday	8	1			1				24	108	1,243 25
Harmony, No. 6	Wellington	Monday		1		1	1	5			12	108	914 20
Excelsior, No. 7	Chilliwack	Tuesday	3								6	35	291 10
Vancouver, No. 8	Vancouver	Friday	12	2				2		2	38	53	571 00
Tatnai, No. 9	Kamloops	Monday	13		1					2	32	67	941 50
			63	9	4	1	5	18	1	7	175	847	\$ 8,740 04

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 31st December, 1900.

Vancouver.....	Friday.....	12	-	1	2	32	67	341.50
Vancouver. No. 8.....	Monday.....	13					847	\$ 8,740.04
Kamloops.....		63	9	4	1	5	18	
Tatnai. No. 9.								

SUBTRACT FROM REPORTS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., for the term ending 31st December, 1888.

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ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL RELIEF REPORTS.

Of the Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.,
for the year ending December 31, 1888.

Lodge.	No. of Brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of weeks sick benefits paid.	Amounts paid for—			Total Relief Paid.	Amount of Current Expenses.	Total Assets.
				Relief of Brothers families.	Burying the Dead.	Educa- tion of Orphans.			
Victoria, No. 1.....	33	2	348	\$2,489 00	\$ 130 00	\$ 300 00	\$ 3,004 00	\$ 1,162 28	\$ 17,639 27
Columbia, No. 2.....	19		68	680 00			680 00	767 56	17,330 80
New Westminster, No. 3.....	10		74	394 50			469 50	643 73	7,400 00
Dominion No. 4.....	9	1	87	617 50	40 00		727 50	399 58	9,214 00
Black Diamond, No. 5.....	11		36	300 00		185 00	545 00	658 00	6,000 00
Harmony, No. 6.....	22		86	828 00		150 00	978 00	853 62	4,970 00
Excelsior, No. 7.....								80 00	1,130 00
Vancouver, No. 8.....	8		18	132 00			132 00	448 38	1,250 00
Tatnai, No. 9.....	4		69	411 75			411 75	1,297 71	1,832 12
	116	3	786	\$ 5,912 75	\$ 160 00	\$ 750 00	\$ 6,947 75	\$ 6,291 46	\$ 66,906 19

LIST OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, I. O. O. F.
of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the term commencing 1st January, 1889.

Name and No. of Lodge.	Location.	Noble Grand.	Vice-Grand.	Recording Sec'y.	Treasurer.	Permanent Sec'y.
Victoria, No. 1.	Victoria.	Alfred Blake.	A. G. Day.	F. Davey. P.G.	T. J. Partridge, P.G.	F. Davey, P. G.
Columbia, No. 2.	Victoria.	Richard Jones	D. E. Kerr.	R. W. Fawcett, P.G.	G. H. Maynard, P.G.	H. Waller, P. G.
New Westminster, No. 3	New Westminster	G. Robertson.	Wm. Kelly.	R. Wilson.	P. J. Foulds, P. G.	T. Tylor
Dominion, No. 4.	Victoria.	W. D. Kinnaird.	J. W. Arnold.	T. Bamford, P. G.	W. Walker, P. G.	T. Bamford, P. G.
Black Diamond, No. 5.	Nanaimo.	J. Aitkin.	G. Stiffins.	W. H. Morton, P.G.	J. Crossan, P. G.	W. H. Morton, P. G.
Harmony, No. 6.	Wellington.	R. Kilpatrick.	R. Short.	W. Rafter.	M. Magnone.	W. Rafter.
Excelsior, No. 7.	Chilliwack.	H. Webb.	T. H. Henderson.	S. Mellard.	J. McCutcheon.	M. McSwen.
Vancouver, No. 8.	Vancouver.	A. W. Scoullar.	H. McVean.	J. R. Alcock.	J. B. Henderson, P.G.	C. McLennan.
Tatnai, No. 9.	Kamloops.	E. C. Davison.	D. C. McGillveray.	W. E. McCartney.	S. Clarke, P. G.	W. E. McCartney.
Colfax Degree of Rebekah, No. 1.	Victoria.	Mrs. M. Dempster.	Miss S. Neil.	Miss A. Huxtable.	Mrs. H. Carne.	Miss J. Carne.

CONSTITUTION

—OF—

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES

I. O. O. F., OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

AS ADOPTED FEBRUARY, 1880.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least seven members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings: to be hailed and entitled.....Rebekah Degree Lodge, No..... of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter or dissolve so long as seven members in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All persons who apply for membership in this Lodge, must give satisfactory proof of, in the case of a brother, good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, and in the case of a married lady, proof of her husband's good standing in a subordinate Lodge, or present with their applications a proper certificate in accordance with Section 1, Article III, of this Constitution, and be proposed in the Rebekah Degree Lodge nearest his or her residence, unless the Lodge grant permission for joining another Lodge; *provided*, an applicant may be admitted into any Rebekah Degree Lodge in the city or village in which he or she resides. The name of any person qualified as above offered for membership, with his or her age, residence and occupation, with the name, number and location of the Subordinate Lodge to which the brother or the husband, father, brother or son of the Sister belongs, or if the husband or father be deceased, the Subordinate Lodge to which the

which he did, at the time of his decease belong, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as references attached, and entered upon the record; *provided*, the application for membership of an unmarried female, may be signed by the proper person, (see Section 3, Article II) although not a member of this Lodge. Such proposition shall be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next regular meeting (unless further time be granted), when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if no more than two black balls shall appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be deemed rejected. Should the candidate be elected, he or she shall become a member on signing the Constitution and paying the dues provided by the By-Laws. Applicants for membership by deposit of card (such card having been issued by a regularly constituted Rebekah Degree Lodge), may be admitted in the same manner as provided for the admission of other members. *Provided*, that no certificate from a Subordinate Lodge, for a Sister applying for membership by deposit of card, is necessary.

SEC. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had, unless all the brothers and sisters who may have cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot; provided such reconsideration be had within four regular meeting nights next succeeding such rejection; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballot, and if all the balls cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he or she shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except upon a voluntary motion of all those who cast black balls; and never more than one motion for a reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. A favorable balloting can be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the candidate, *provided* a majority of the members present agree thereto.

SEC. 3. The unmarried daughters, legally adopted daughters and step-daughters of Odd Fellows of the Third Degree, who are above the age of eighteen years, are hereby

made suitable candidates for admission into this Lodge, when proposed by either parent or guardian, and the same rule shall apply to the unmarried sisters and half sisters of Odd Fellows of the Third Degree, when proposed by their brothers, and also to the widowed mother of an Odd Fellow of the Third Degree, when proposed by the son, or a member of this Lodge; also to the unmarried, orphaned daughter of an Odd Fellow of the Third Degree, when proposed by the Noble Grand of the Subordinate Lodge to which her father belonged, or by a member of this Lodge, or if the said father was not of the Third Degree when proposed by the Noble Grand of the Subordinate Lodge to which he belonged at the time of his death. Such proposition, when submitted, shall be acted upon as provided in Section 1 of this article.

SEC. 4. Candidates rejected in this Lodge may renew their application for membership therein at the expiration of six months after such rejection.

ARTICLE III.

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following.

Clause 1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on such Third Degree members, their wives, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, step-daughters, legally adopted daughters, sisters and half sisters, above the age of eighteen years, as specified in Section 3 of Article II, as present a certificate from a subordinate Lodge certifying that he is a Third Degree member in good standing, or in the case of the orphaned unmarried daughter of an Odd Fellow, that he was a member in good standing at the time of his death; also, to confer the said Degree of Rebekah upon widows of Odd Fellows presenting certificates from Lodges of which their husbands were Third Degree members at the time of their decease, or, if their said husbands were not such Third Degree members, certifying that they were members in good standing, and that it is the desire of the Lodge that the Degree of Rebekah should be conferred upon said widows; *provided*, that a female to be entitled to receive the Degree of Rebekah, must be a white woman. Notice of the conferring of the Degree of Rebekah in compliance with the said certificate, giving the date when conferred, shall be forwarded to the Subordinate Lodge, signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary, with the Seal of this Lodge attached.

Clause 2. To elect and appoint its own officers in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws.

Clause 3.—To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the By-Laws.

Clause 4. To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-Laws may provide; and to provide, by By-Laws, when those in arrears for dues shall be suspended for non-payment thereof.

Clause 5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge for the relief of the sick, the destitute or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, or as shall be otherwise provided by the By-Laws.

Clause 6. To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order, not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order, as it may deem proper; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Clause 7. To grant Withdrawal cards to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote, by ballot, of the members present at a regular meeting. Members may apply in person, or by letter, for such cards. Should the Lodge refuse to grant the card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate, under seal of the Lodge, to that effect, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation. Visiting Cards may be granted upon application in open Lodge, or they may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to members in good standing upon application in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from the date of the card.

Clause 8. To try charges preferred against members for the violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge, or the general rules, regulations and usages of the Order, as provided in the following sections:

SEC. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-

Laws or Rules of Order of this Lodge, or the penal laws of the land, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, or the Lodge determine.

SEC. 3. All members shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Members shall not be put upon trial, unless charges duly specifying the offence, so as to fully apprise them of the nature thereof, and to enable them to prepare for their defence, shall be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, and signed by a member of the Rebekah Degree Lodge within this jurisdiction, and a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, be served upon them.

SEC. 4. Such charges shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, without unnecessary delay, summon the parties and try the case. They shall keep full minutes of the evidence and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge, with their verdict. A witness, if a member of the Order, shall give evidence on the honor of an Odd Fellow; if not a member of the Order, then on oath or affirmation, and the proceedings must state that such obligation or oath was administered. No testimony shall be taken without notice, or opportunity for cross-examination by the opposing party. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the Secretary, to the party against whom the verdict is rendered, and he or she shall have two weeks in which to file exceptions. If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict and affix the penalty. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge may be taken at any time within two weeks thereafter, to the Grand Lodge; and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the Lodge shall be final. When a bill of exception to the report of the committee is filed, as above provided, the Lodge may determine upon its merits, and either sustain the report of the committee, or refer the same back to the same or another committee, or grant a new trial. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and affix the penalty.

SEC. 5. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial, when duly summoned, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt of the Lodge which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

SEC. 6. If a specific penalty for an offence be provided in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Noble-Grand shall enforce it. If none be so provided, the Lodge shall decide by paper

ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand and fine. During the ballot, the accused shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. The ballot shall be first taken on expulsion, and if it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, such shall be the penalty. If two-thirds of the ballots are not cast for expulsion, then the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for suspension, and if two-thirds of the ballots are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension, *which shall not exceed one year*. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined as the penalty as above provided, then the penalty shall be reprimand, fine, or both, to be determined by a majority ballot; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge shall fix the amount, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge by the acting Noble Grand. No ballot held under this section shall be reconsidered. All fines imposed under this section shall be charged to the member's account, and considered, in determining his or her standing in the Lodge, as dues; and when the fine thus imposed, added to the dues, brings him or her under the penalty provided in the By-Laws, he or she shall be notified, and allowed the usual time to make payment. In all cases, as above, if membership ceases, the member, prior to reinstatement, shall pay the whole amount of such fine and dues.

SEC. 7. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he or she shall be summoned to attend at some regular meeting, to be fixed by the Noble Grand, to be reprimanded from the chair of the Noble Grand; and until he or she so attend and be reprimanded, shall be suspended from all benefits and privileges of membership.

SEC. 8. An expelled member can be reinstated only after a proposition, reference, and election by ballot, as in the case of a newly proposed member, permission having first been obtained from the Grand Master. A member suspended for any cause, may be reinstated on the removal of the cause or the expiration of the term for which he or she was suspended, without action of the Lodge, and the Noble Grand shall declare in open Lodge his or her being reinstated.

SEC. 9. Any member intending to appeal from the action of the Lodge, either on a decision of law, or where charges have been preferred, shall file with the Secretary a notice of appeal and the grounds thereof; upon which the Secretary

shall forthwith send the notice or a true copy of the same, together with a certified copy of all charges, reports, evidence, and proceedings of the Lodge relating to the case to the Grand Secretary, to be presented to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, and if so provided in the By-Laws, a Financial Secretary and three Trustees. *Provided*, that no member shall hold any two of said offices at the same time.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand and Right and Left Supporters of Vice-Grand, who shall serve a regular term.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Lodge in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge provided that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice-Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

SEC. 4. All officers shall hold their offices for six months, except the Financial Secretary, and Trustees, who shall hold office as provided in the By-Laws.

SEC. 5. All officers shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books at the time of installation.

SEC. 6. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 7. Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in June and December of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in January and July of each year, *provided* the installing officer be present; if absent, the Lodge may, by vote, defer it until the next regular meeting, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 8. Any officer being absent from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by

a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge by nomination and election at the next regular meeting after nominating, and until so filled, the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

SEC. 10. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, and as specified by this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 11. The N. G., or member acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V. G., or member acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates and charges.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund, to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes and the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time as the Lodge shall direct; but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members, and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE VI.

TERMS.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

ARTICLE VII.

RETURNS.

SECTION 1. The officers for the term about expiring shall prepare for the Grand Lodge and deliver to the Installing Officer the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those admitted and

withdrawn, also, those suspended and expelled, and the cause thereof; those reinstated and deceased; the names and numbers of those upon whom the Degree is conferred; the whole number in membership; the amount of receipts, and the amount of disbursements.

SEC. 2. In addition to the above, the officers of the term expiring on the first meeting in January shall annually make to the Grand Lodge a full return of the members of the Lodge, and a statement of the number of brothers and sisters relieved in the past year; the amount of benefits granted; the number of widows relieved; the number of orphans relieved; the number of members buried; the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, the amount of money in the treasury and the amount of investments.

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; *provided*, that they do not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitution, By-Laws, or regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. The By-Laws of this Lodge shall be in force from the time of their adoption, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and a manuscript copy of such By-Laws shall before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates for their approval.



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PAST GRAND MASTERS

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

*J. S. DRUMMOND.....	1874.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
JOHN WEILER.....	1875.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
†J. P. DAVIES.....	1876.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2
R. ROBERTS.....	1877.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
‡W. J. JEFFREE.....	1878.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2
CHARLES GOWEN.....	1879.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	1880.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4
W. SHILES.....	1881.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3
HENRY WALLER.....	1882.....	Columbia Lodge, No. 2
ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.....	1883.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
W. D. McKILLICAN.....	1884.....	Dominion Lodge, No. 4
WM. MCCOLL.....	1885.....	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3
FRED'K CARNE.....	1886.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
JOSHUA DAVIES.....	1887.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1
JOSHUA DAVIES (re-elected).....	1888.....	Victoria Lodge, No. 1

*Died 6th February, 1834.

†Died 20th September, 1879.

‡Died 18th March, 1885.

ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

JOHN H. MELDRAM.	Grand Master.	Victoria
WALTER WALKER.	Deputy Grand Master.	Victoria
WILLIAM EDMUNDS.	Grand Warden.	Kamloops
FRED'K DAVEY.	" Secretary, P. O. Box 481,	Victoria
J. E. PHILLIPS.	" Treasurer.	Victoria
WM. MCCOLL, P. G. M.	" Representative.	New Westminster
J. E. PHILLIPS.	" Marshal.	New Westminster
J. CROSSAN.	" Guardian.	Nanaimo
J. C. HENDERSON.	" Conductor.	Chilliwack
W. H. HUXTABLE.	" Herald.	Victoria
W. E. HOLMES.	" Chaplain.	Victoria
W. H. FLEWIN.	" Instructors }	Victoria
WM. MCCOLL, P. G. M.		
		New Westminster

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1	T. J. PARTRIDGE.	Victoria
" No. 2	R. H. BAKER.	New Westminster
" No. 3	A. MCGREGOR.	Nanaimo
" No. 4	B. SHEARING	Wellington
" No. 5	J. MCCUTCHEON.	Chilliwack
" No. 6	T. C. GRAY.	Vancouver
" No. 7	S. CLARKE.	Kamloops

The next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge will be held at Vancouver, on Wednesday, the 12th day of February, 1890.

SUPPLIES.

The following rates will be charged for Supplies, all Orders for which must be signed by the Secretary and bear the Seal of the Lodge :—

Subordinate Lodge Rituals	\$3 00
Ritual for Rebekah Degree Lodges <i>only</i>	3 00
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates	25
Visiting and Withdrawal Cards for Rebekah Degree Lodges	25
Books of Forms	1 25
Books of Odes, with Music	1 00
White's Digest	3 50
Additions to Digest 1882-1884, bound	75
Lodge Odes (Subordinate and Rebekah)	10
Anniversary Odes	10
Funeral Hymns with responses	10
Funeral Ceremony	30
Anniversary Ceremony	20
Burial Ceremony, Daughter of Rebekah	20
Certificates of Membership, on Plate paper	75
Rebekah Certificate, on Plate paper	30
Officers' Roll Book	1 00
Question Book	1 50
Order on Treasurer's Book, 250 orders	1 50
Initiation Petitions, form recommended by S. G. L.	(per 100) 1 50
Subordinate Lodge Degree Chart	(each) 3 00
Bound Proceedings, Grand Lodge of B. C., 1874 to 1885	2 00

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